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THE RAVE MASTER CREW

HARU GLORY

A small-town boy turned savior of the world. As the **Rave Master** (the only one capable of using the holy weapon RAVE), Haru set forth to find the missing Rave Stones and defeat **Demon Card**. He fights with the **Ten Powers Sword**, a weapon that takes on different forms at his command. With **Demon Card** seemingly out of the way, Haru now seeks the remaining two Rave Stones in order to open the way to Star Memory.

ELIE

The girl without memories. Elie joined Haru on his quest when he promised to help her find out about her past. She's cute, spunky and loves gambling and shopping in equal measure. Locked inside of her is the power of **Etherion**.

RUBY

A "penguin-type" sentenoid, Ruby loves rare and unusual items. After Haru saved him from Pumpkin Doryu's gang, Ruby agreed to sponsor Haru's team in their search for the ultimate rare treasures: the Rave Stones!

GRIFFON KATO (GRIFF)

Griff is a loyal friend, even if he is a bit of a coward. His rubbery body can stretch and change shape as needed. Griff's two greatest pleasures in life are mapmaking and peeping on Elie.

MUSICA

A "**Silverclaimer**" (an alchemist who can shape silver at will) and a former street punk who made good. He joined Haru for the adventure, but now that **Demon Card** is defeated, does he have any reason to stick around?

LET

A member of the **Dragon Race**, he was formerly a member of the **Demon Card's** Five Palace Guardians. He was so impressed by Haru's fighting skills and pureness of heart that he made a truce with the Rave Master. After passing his **Dragon Trial**, he gained a human body, but his blood is still **Dragon Race**.

PLUE

The **Rave Bearer**. Plue is the faithful companion to the Rave Master. In addition to being Haru's guide, Plue also has powers of his own. When he's not getting Haru into or out of trouble, Plue can be found enjoying a sucker, his favorite treat.

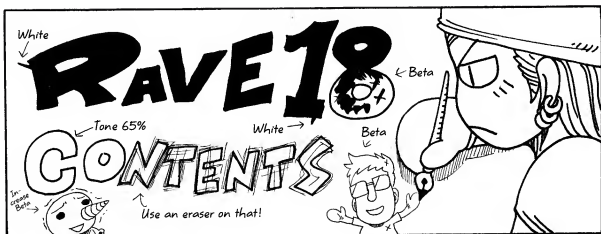
THE ORACION SIX

Demon Card's six generals. Haru defeated **Shuda** after finding the Rave of Wisdom. The other five generals were presumed dead after King destroyed **Demon Card Headquarters**.

THE STORY SO FAR...

Of the many obstacles Haru has faced to obtain the fourth Rave Stone, his latest one has proven to be the most perilous. Haru, still injured after his first battle with Doryu, confronted him again—only this time, he had his friends by his side. During the ensuing battle, Doryu reveals his backstory, in which he was a creature of light and good, but was imprisoned by humans simply because he was a different species (a sentinoid). After his story, Liith arrives to assist Doryu, revealing that he is in fact King of the Mystic Realm. However, Haru and his friends' pleas for Doryu to come back to the side of good fall on deaf ears, and after he kills Liith, Doryu resumes his assault on them. In the end, Haru finally kills him...but then Haru, having expended massive amounts of energy to defeat Doryu, begins to fade from existence...





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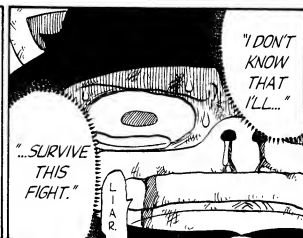
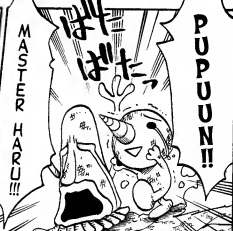
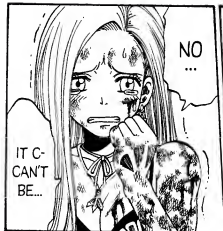
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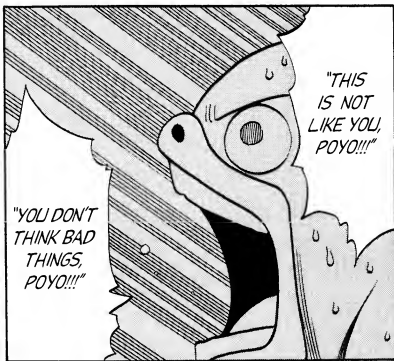
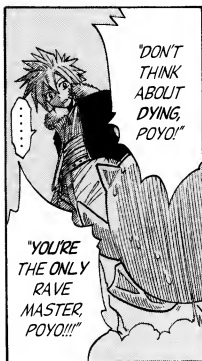
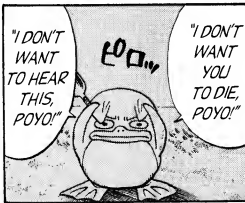
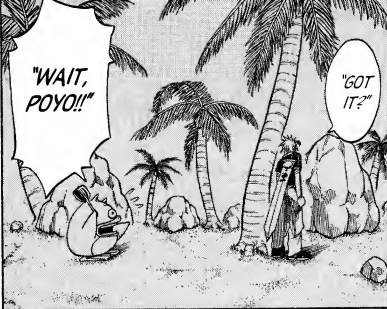


WHAT
THE
HELL...?

YOU
CAN'T
VANISH!!

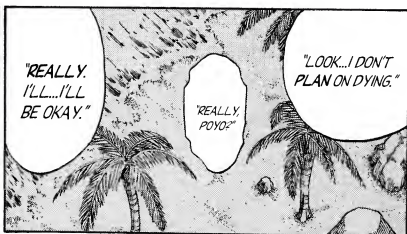
HEY!!
WHAT'S
GOING
ON?!







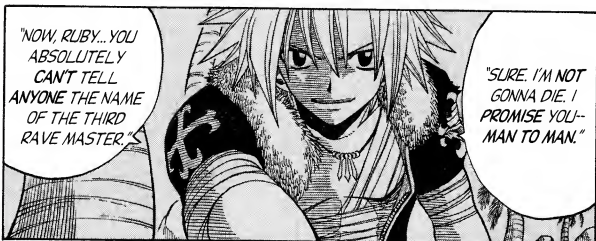
"THEN
PROMISE
ME,
POYO."



"REALLY.
I'LL...I'LL
BE OKAY."

"REALLY,
POYO?"

"LOOK...I DON'T
PLAN ON DYING."



"NOW, RUBY... YOU
ABSOLUTELY
CAN'T TELL
ANYONE THE NAME
OF THE THIRD
RAVE MASTER."

"SURE. I'M NOT
GONNA DIE. I
PROMISE YOU--
MAN TO MAN."



YOU SAID
YOU
WOULDN'T
DIE,
POYO!!!

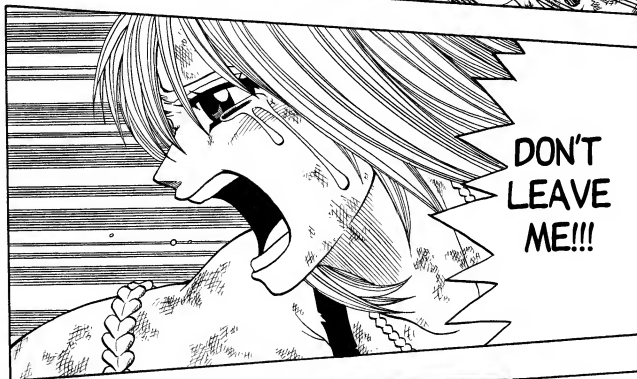
L
I
A
R
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DON'T
GO...!



HARU!!
NO!!



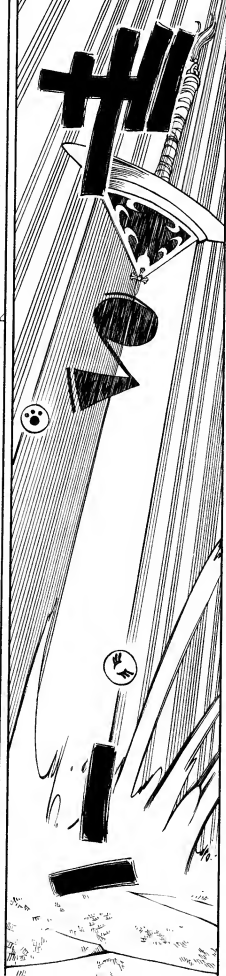
DON'T
LEAVE
ME!!!

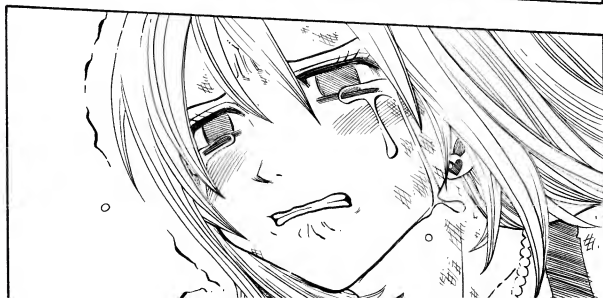
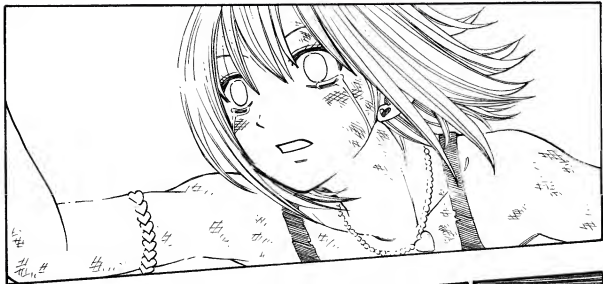


I'M
BEGGING
YOU...
Sob...

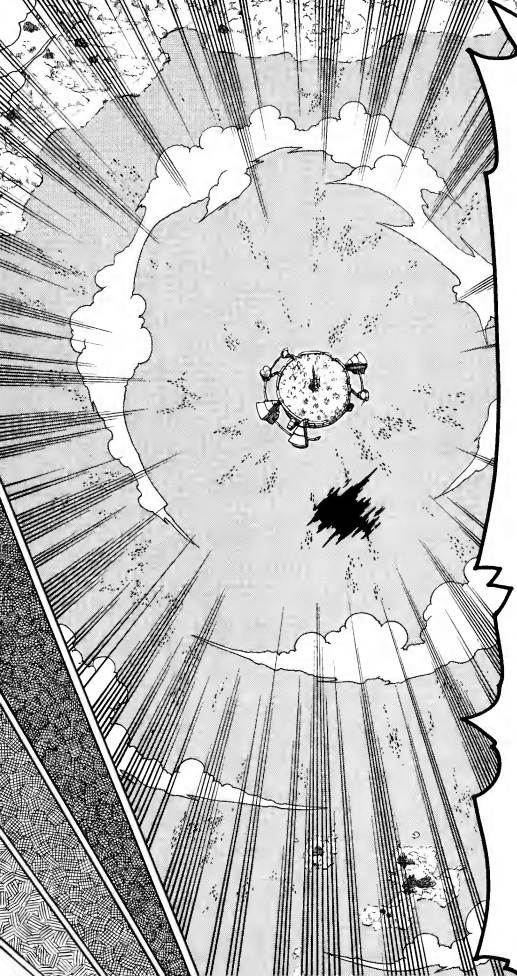


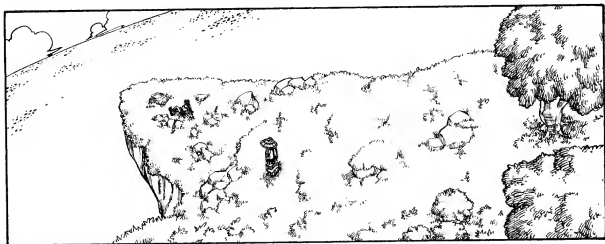
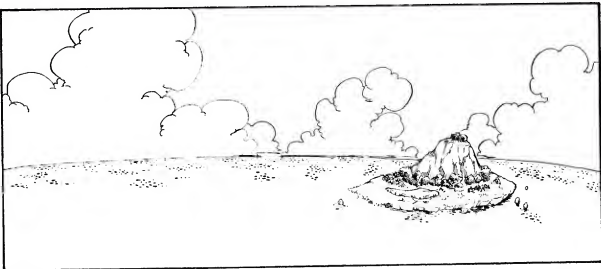
HARU!!!





H
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U
U
U
U
!!!





TO BE HONEST, IT'S HARD
STAYING HERE ON THIS
PEACEFUL ISLAND, NOT
KNOWING WHAT'S GOING ON
IN THE WORLD...

TOMORROW, IT'LL
BE ONE YEAR
SINCE HARU LEFT.

SAKURA-GLORY
0023~0056

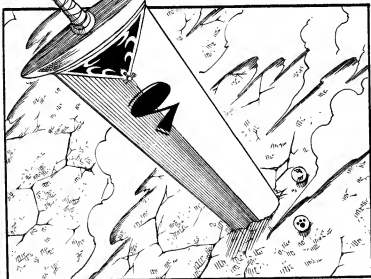
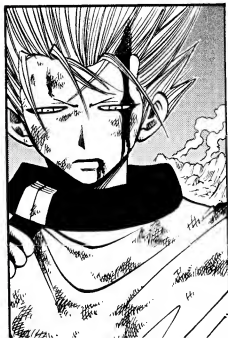
I STILL CAN'T
BELIEVE IT.

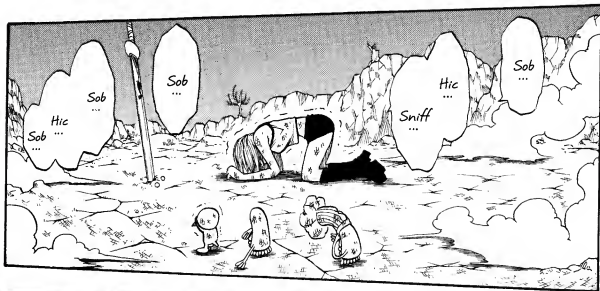
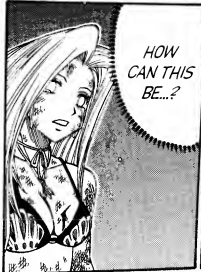
...WHILE HARU
FIGHTS TO
SAVE IT.

YOU'RE
WORRIED
ABOUT HIM,
AREN'T YOU?

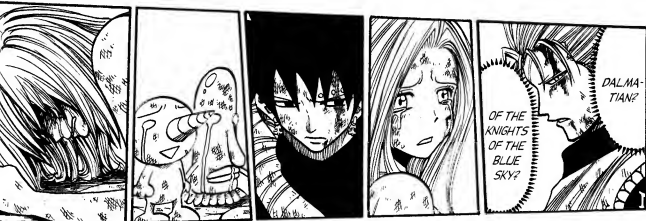
IT WASN'T THAT LONG
AGO THAT HE WOULD
PULL ON MY COATTAILS,
ASKING HIS BIG SIS TO FIX
HIS PROBLEMS.

Hee Hee...





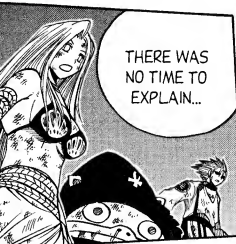
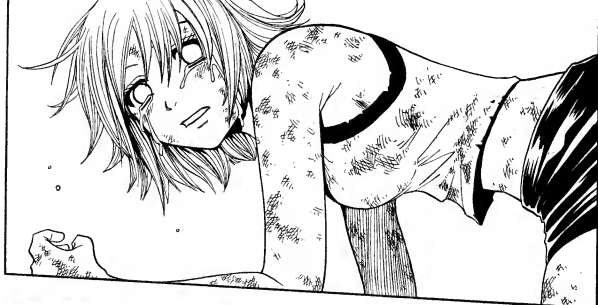






...HARU IS
HERE. HE IS
HERE...

...AND HE IS
ALIVE.



THERE WAS
NO TIME TO
EXPLAIN...



I HAD NO
TIME TO
LOSE.

AS SOON AS
I SAW THE
BATTLE END,
I SENT HARU
INTO THE
LIGHT.



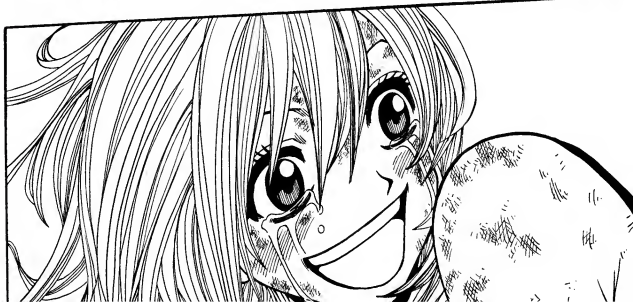
...I
HEARD
EVERYONE'S
VOICES.

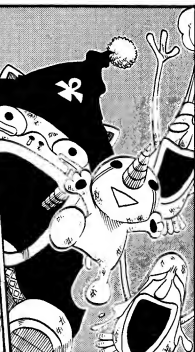


JUST WHEN
I THOUGHT
I WAS DONE
FOR...



HEH.

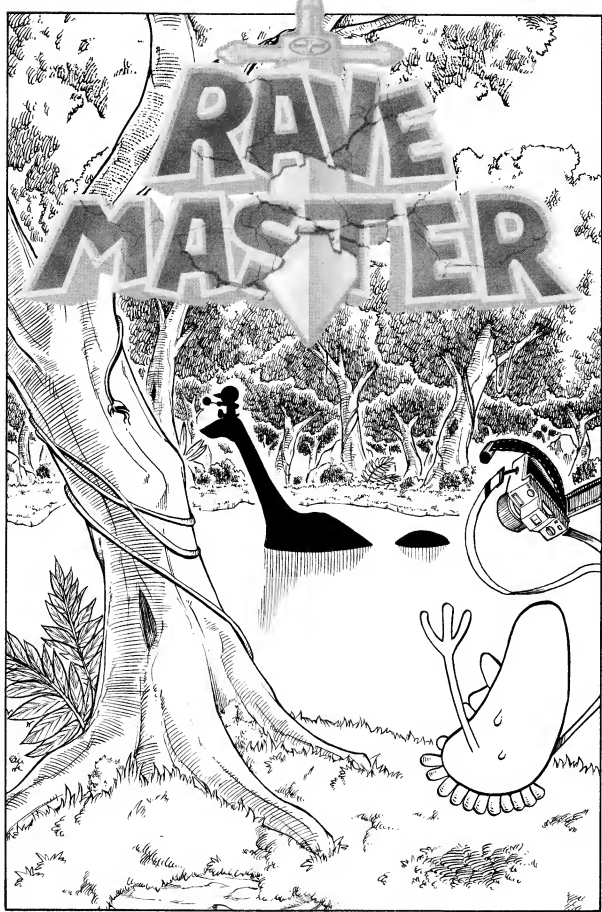


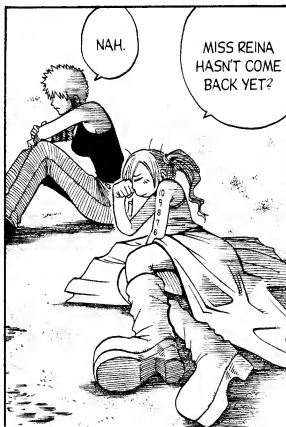
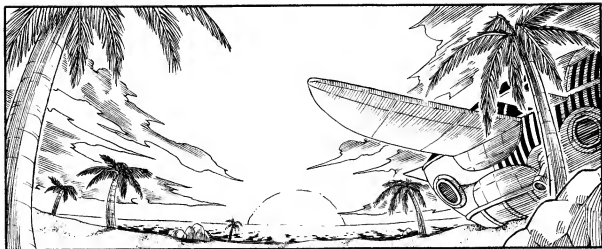


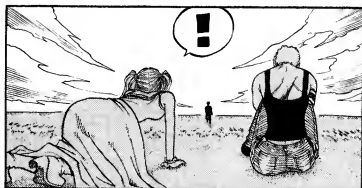
*I'M SURE HE
HAS GOOD
FRIENDS
WITH HIM...*

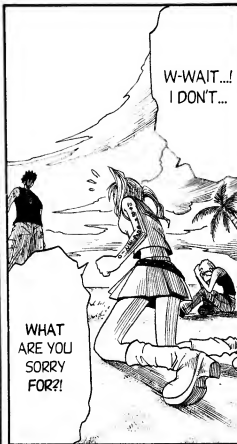
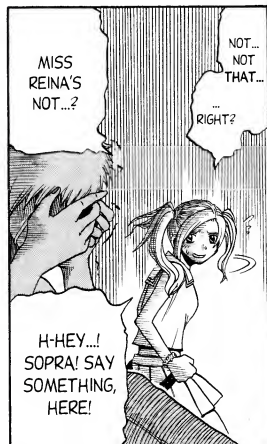
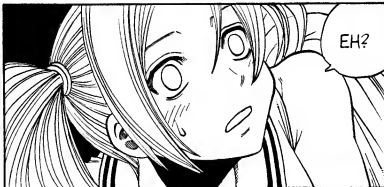
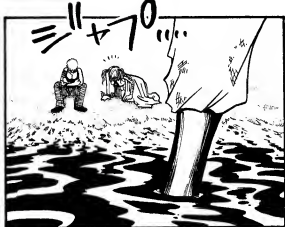
*...SO I KNOW
HE'LL BE ALL
RIGHT!*





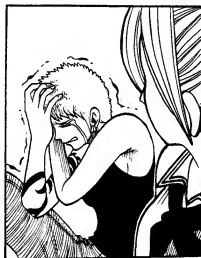






SOPRA!!
SAY IT'S
NOT TRUE!!

WHAT IS
IT?! WHY
ARE YOU
CRYING?!



GIVE BACK
MISS REINA!!

YOU!! WHAT
DID YOU DO
TO MISS
REINA?!



...
B-BACK
...



S-SO
GIVE HER
BACK!

G-GIVE...
MISS
REINA...

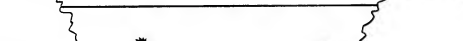


WE...WE
CAN'T GO ON
WITHOUT
HER!!

WE NO LONGER HAVE ANY QUARREL WITH YOU.

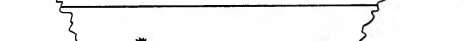
WITH REINA GONE, OUR AMAZON CORPS WILL WITHDRAW FROM DEMON CARD.

MISS REINA...
MIGHT COME...
BACK...



L-LET'S WAIT A
LITTLE WHILE...
LONGER...

MISS REINA...
MIGHT COME...
BACK...



L-LET'S WAIT A
LITTLE WHILE...
LONGER...

...I'LL STAY AWAKE THIS TIME!

I'LL...

...I'LL STAY AWAKE THIS TIME!

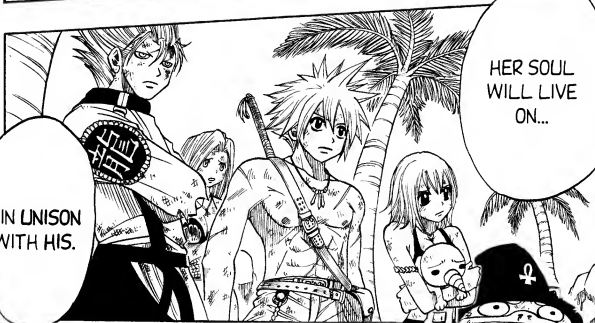
I'LL...



MISS REINA'S
SILVER IS MIXED
WITH HIS.

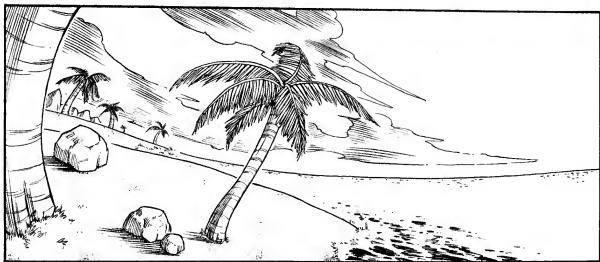


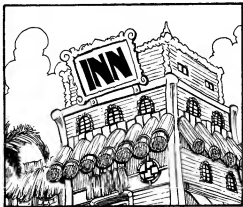
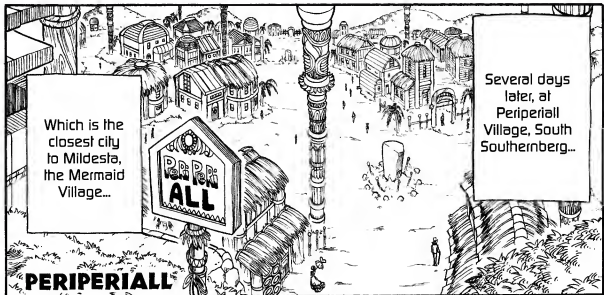
YOU SAW
HIS SILVER,
DIDN'T YOU?

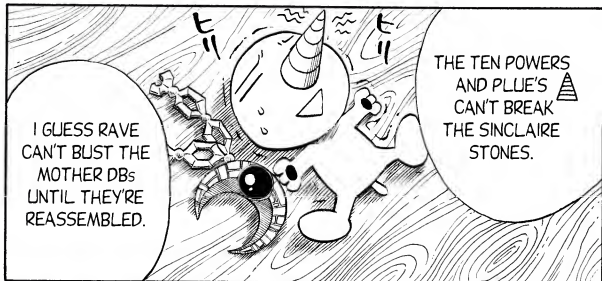


HER SOUL
WILL LIVE
ON...

...IN UNISON
WITH HIS.







I GUESS RAVE
CAN'T BUST THE
MOTHER DBs
UNTIL THEY'RE
REASSEMBLED.

THE TEN POWERS
AND PLUE'S
CAN'T BREAK
THE SINCLAIRE
STONES.



DORYU
WAS A
DEMON
LORD.

IF THEY FIND
OUT THAT
HUMANS
DEFEATED A
DEMON LORD...
BOTH WORLDS
MAY BE
UNRAVELED.

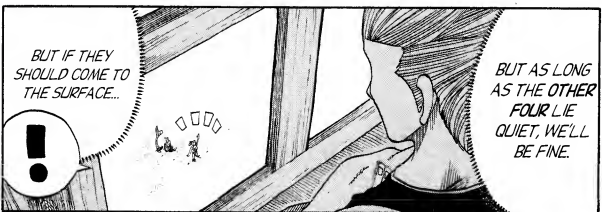


AN-
OTHER?
WHA-
DAYA
MEAN?

I SEE...YET
ANOTHER
UNFORE-
SEEN DIF-
FICULTY.

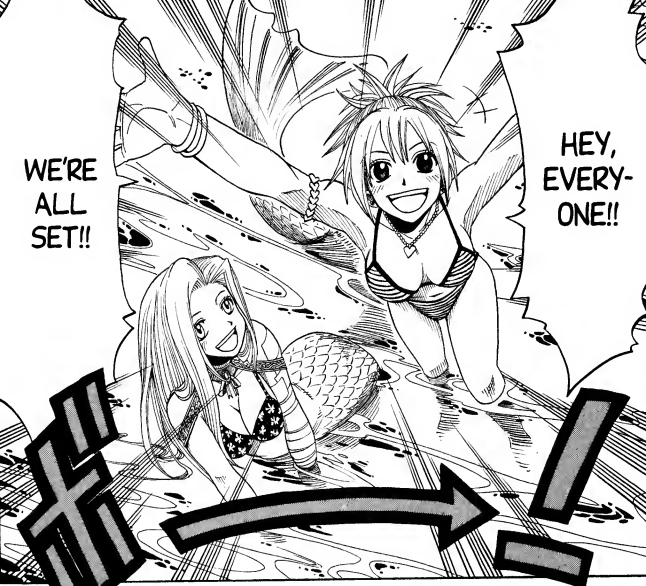


ERR...IT'S
NOTHING.



BUT IF THEY
SHOULD COME TO
THE SURFACE...

BUT AS LONG
AS THE OTHER
FOUR LIE
QUIET, WE'LL
BE FINE.



WE'RE
ALL
SET!!

HEY,
EVERY-
ONE!!



OH, MAN! I
ALMOST
FORGOT
ABOUT THE
STAR SONG
FESTIVAL!

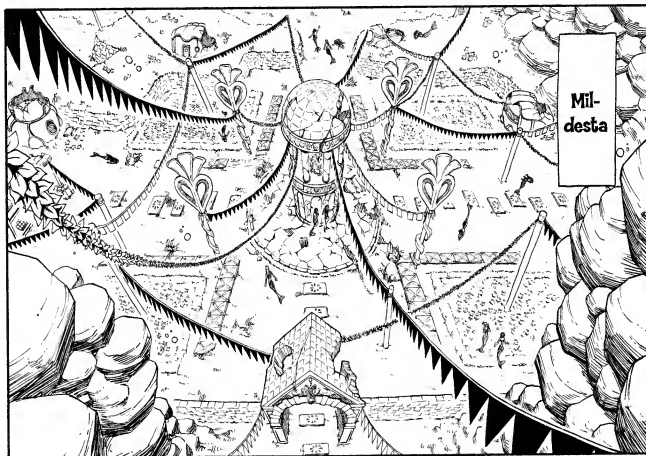
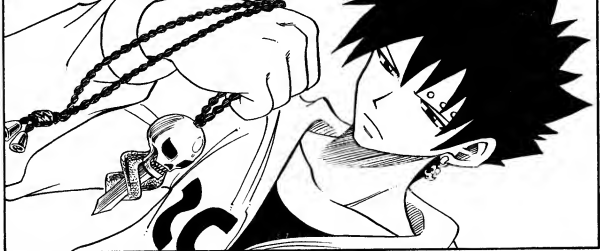


AH!!
ELIE!!
CELIA!!

WHAT'S
GOING
ON?

PUN!!





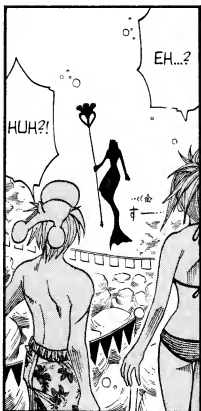
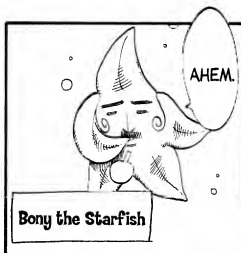
Mil-
desta



WE ALL
PITCHED IN!

ISN'T IT
GREAT?! I
HELPED, TOO!

WHOA....
DUDE!!

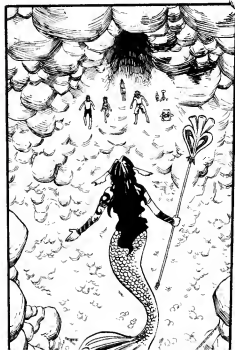


...THE HEROES
WHO SAVED
OUR KIND.

I
HEREBY
WARMLY
WELCOME...

Queen of Mildesta

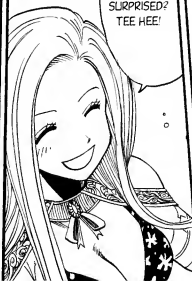
FLEMIA

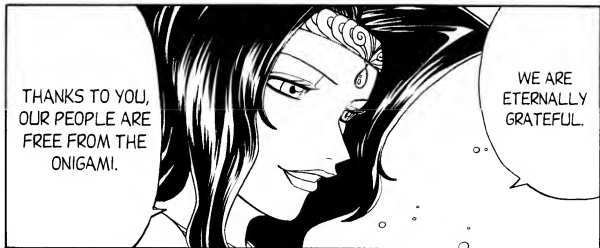


SURPRISED?
TEE HEE!

Heroes.

Celia's
older
sister is...
the QUEEN,
POYO?!

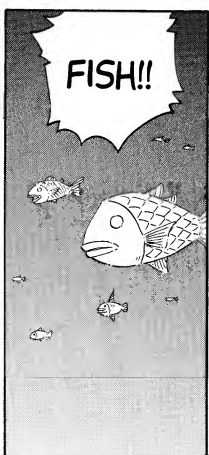
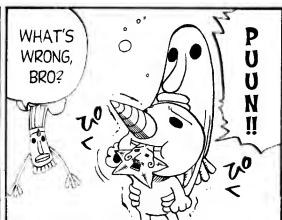
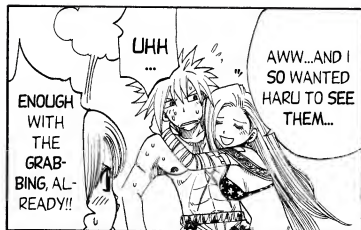


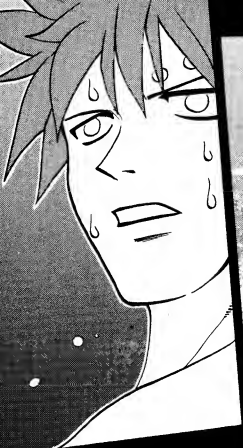


NOW!! ENOUGH
WITH THE
FORMALITIES!!

LET THE
STAR SONG
FESTIVAL
BEGIN!!







SAY!! IT'S A
MIRACLE!!

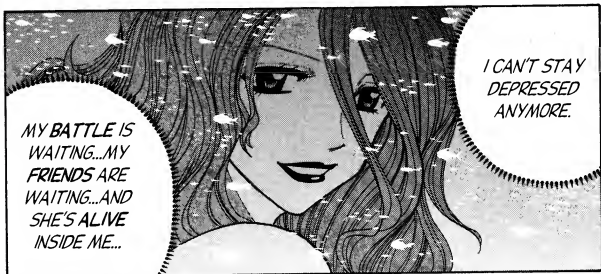
A SILVER
STAR SONG
FESTIVAL!!



SO
PRETTY,
POYO!!

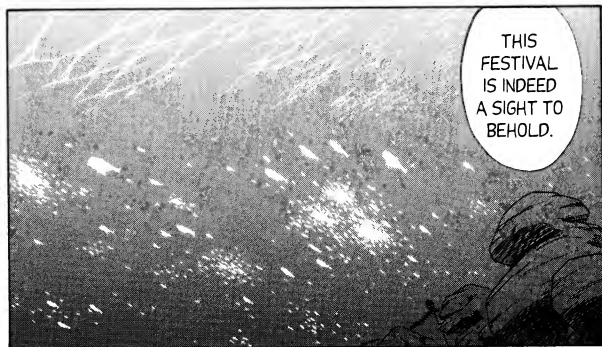
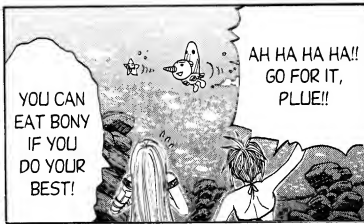
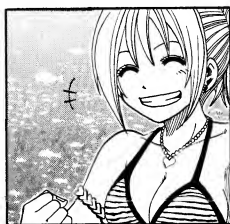
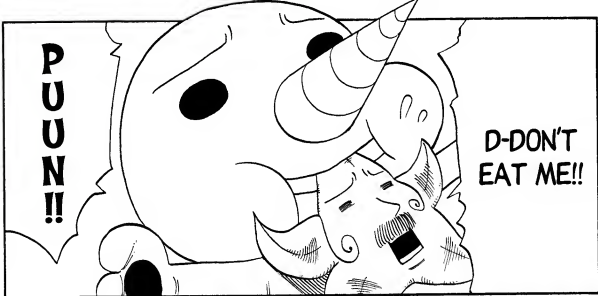
WHOA!!

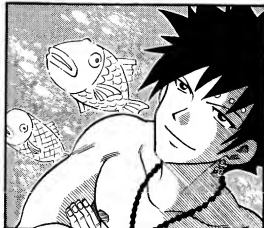
THEY'RE
SILVER.





RAVE:140 ⊕ SMILING TOWARDS TOMORROW





OUR DAILY
BATTLES
SEEM LIKE A
FORGOTTEN
DREAM.



SINGING
AMIDST THE
STARS... 'TIS
AN APT
DESCRIPTION.



OKAY,
EVERYONE!
LET'S
DANCE!



WAAO!!

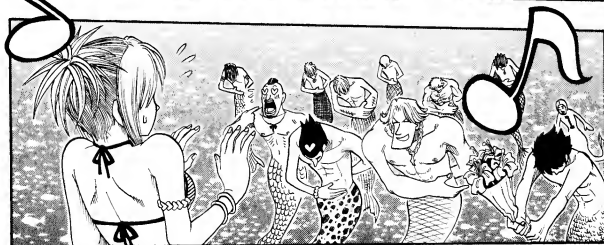
PUPUUN!!

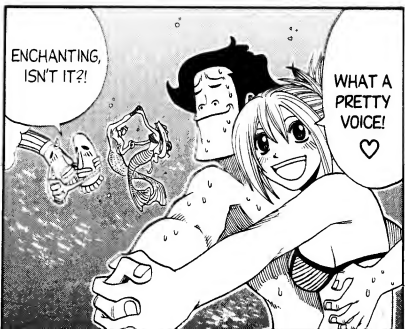
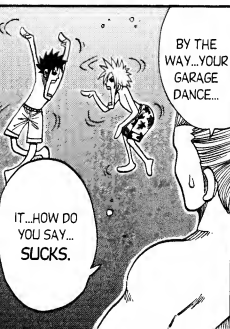
EVERYBODY
DANCE,
POYO!!



YEAH!!

I'LL TEACH
YA A DANCE
FROM GARAGE
(UNDERWATER
VERSION)!!

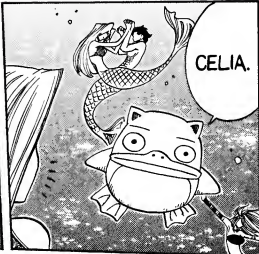




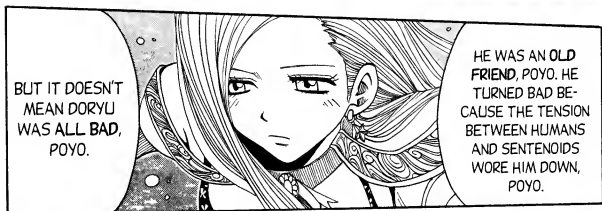


...I DON'T
WANT YOU
TO HATE
HIM, POYO.

EVEN THOUGH
DORYU AND HIS
PEOPLE RUINED
THIS PLACE...

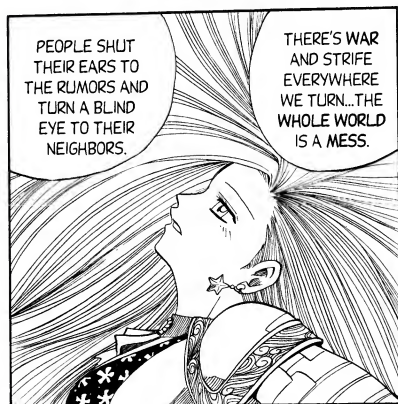


CELIA.



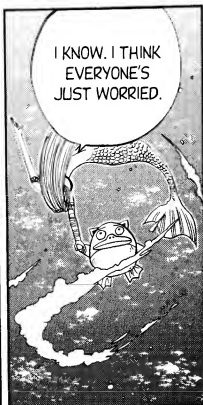
BUT IT DOESN'T
MEAN DORYU
WAS ALL BAD,
POYO.

HE WAS AN OLD
FRIEND, POYO. HE
TURNED BAD BE-
CAUSE THE TENSION
BETWEEN HUMANS
AND SENTENOIDS
WORE HIM DOWN,
POYO.

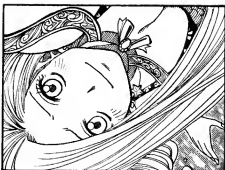
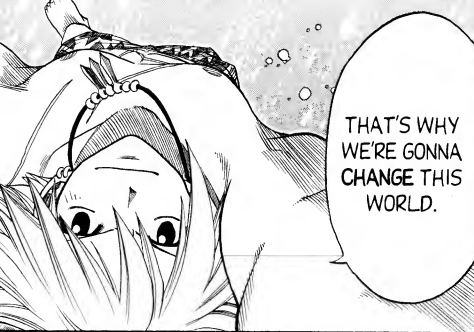


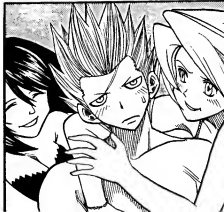
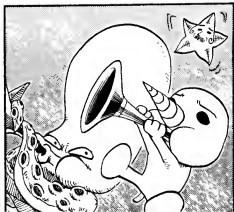
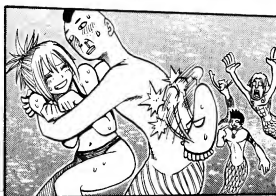
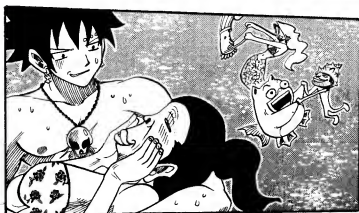
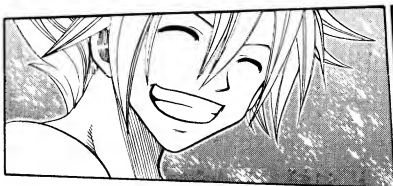
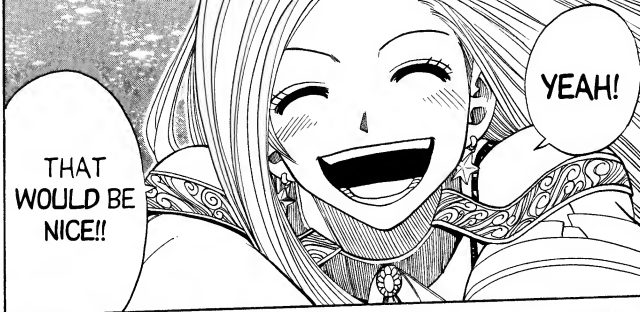
PEOPLE SHUT
THEIR EARS TO
THE RUMORS AND
TURN A BLIND
EYE TO THEIR
NEIGHBORS.

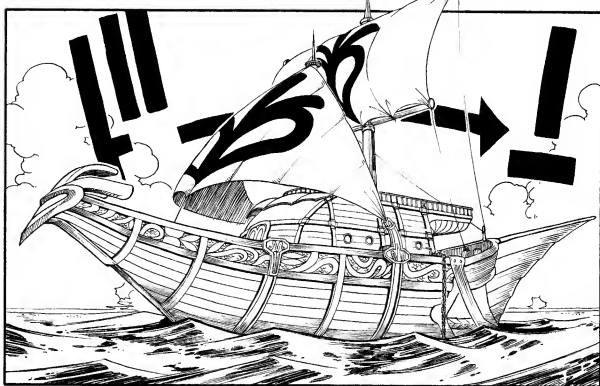
THERE'S WAR
AND STRIFE
EVERYWHERE
WE TURN...THE
WHOLE WORLD
IS A MESS.



I KNOW. I THINK
EVERYONE'S
JUST WORRIED.



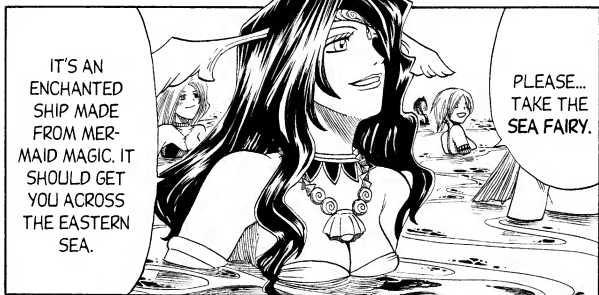




OUR AIRSHIP IS
STILL BUSTED.
THIS WOULD
REALLY HELP
US OUT...

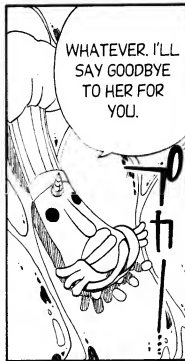
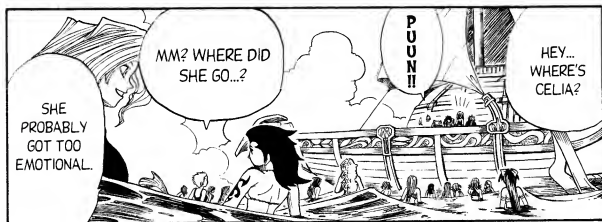
ARE YOU SURE
THIS IS OKAY?

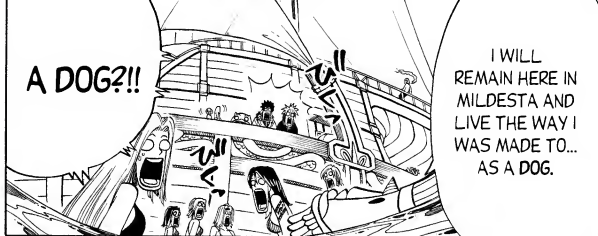
WHOA!!
COOL!!



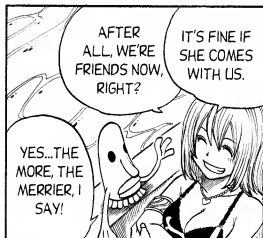
IT'S AN
ENCHANTED
SHIP MADE
FROM MER-
MAID MAGIC. IT
SHOULD GET
YOU ACROSS
THE EASTERN
SEA.

PLEASE...
TAKE THE
SEA FAIRY.





I WILL
REMAIN HERE IN
MILDESTA AND
LIVE THE WAY I
WAS MADE TO...
AS A DOG.



AFTER
ALL, WE'RE
FRIENDS NOW,
RIGHT?

YES...THE
MORE, THE
MERRIER, I
SAY!

IT'S FINE IF
SHE COMES
WITH US.



B-BUT...
CELIA...

LET US BE OFF.
DALMATIAN IS
WAITING.

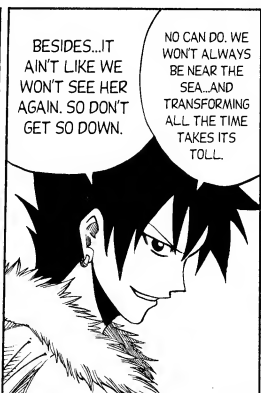


ANCHORS
AWAY!!!



YEAH.

LET'S GO.



BESIDES...IT
AIN'T LIKE WE
WON'T SEE HER
AGAIN. SO DON'T
GET SO DOWN.

NO CAN DO. WE
WON'T ALWAYS
BE NEAR THE
SEA...AND
TRANSFORMING
ALL THE TIME
TAKES ITS
TOLL.



I HOPE I GET
TO GO TO THE
STAR SONG
FESTIVAL
AGAIN, POYO!!

TAKE
CARE!!

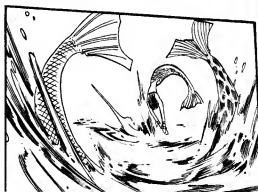
LATER,
EVERYONE!!

LATER,
BROS!!

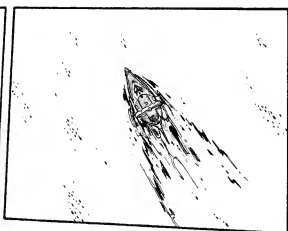
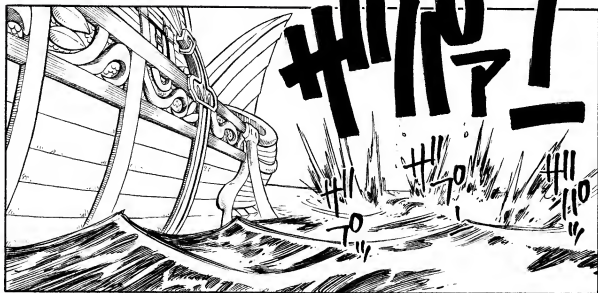
DON'T
LEAVE
US,
ELIE!!

THANK
YOU!!

WE'LL
WRITE SONGS
ABOUT YOUR
ADVENTURES!!



NOW...
LET'S SEND
THE RAVE
MASTER ON
HIS JOURNEY
WITH A BIG
SPLASH!!





LOOK! A
MERMAID
ARCH!!



WOW,
POYO!!



SO
PRETTY

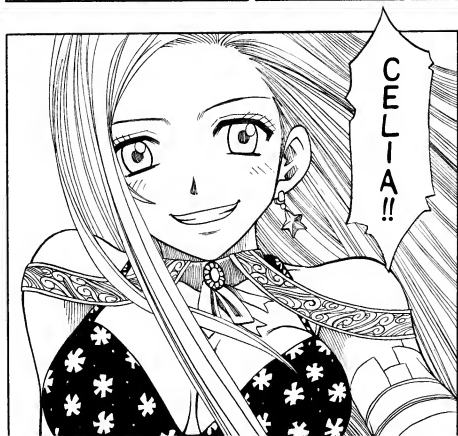
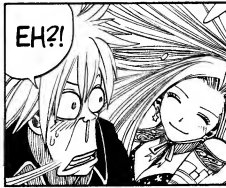
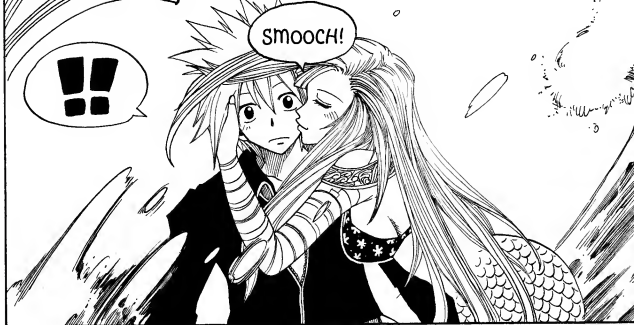


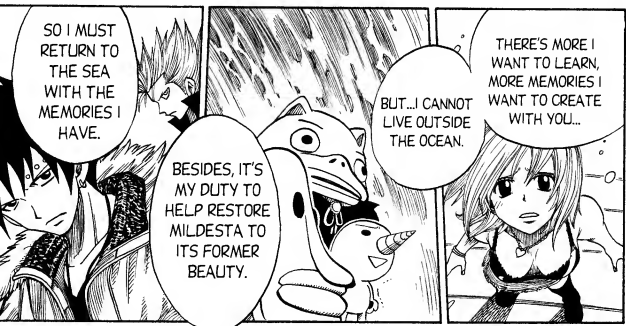
HIIO
A
A
A
A

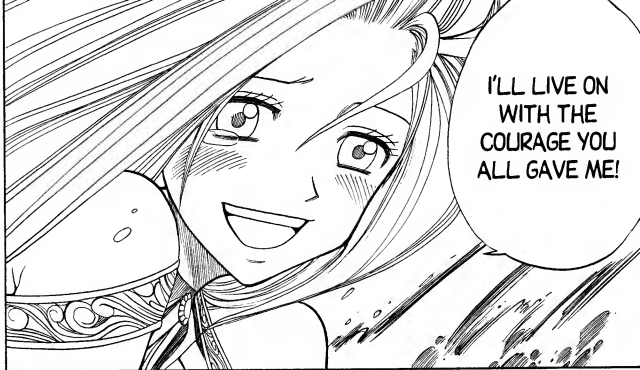
MAY THE
GREAT OCEAN
BESTOW ITS
GRACE UPON
YOU...

...AND ITS
BLUE
RADIANCE
PROTECT YOU
ON YOUR
JOURNEY!!

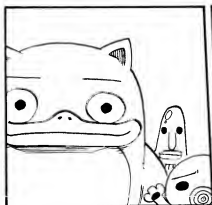






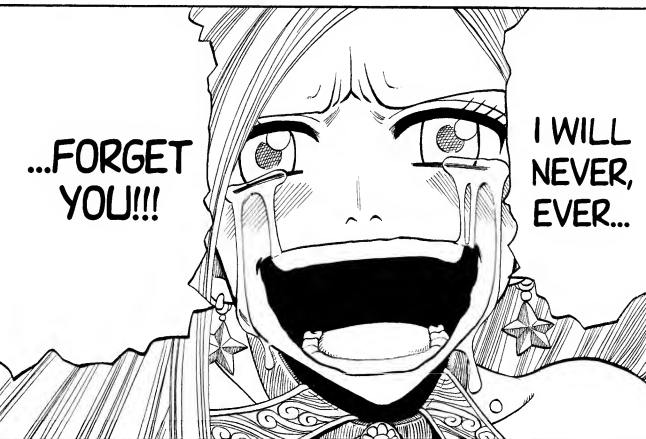
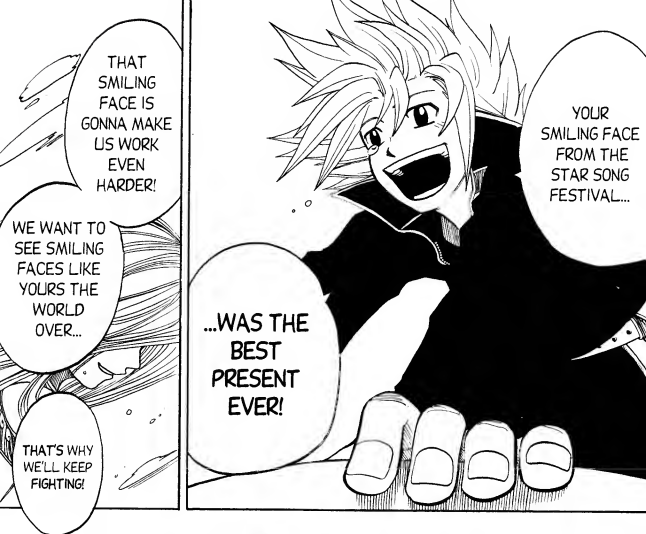


I'LL LIVE ON
WITH THE
COURAGE YOU
ALL GAVE ME!



WE GOT
SOMETHING
FROM YOU,
TOO, CELIA!





July,
0067.

GOODBYE,
POYO...

MISS
CELIA!

TAKE
CARE,
CELIA!

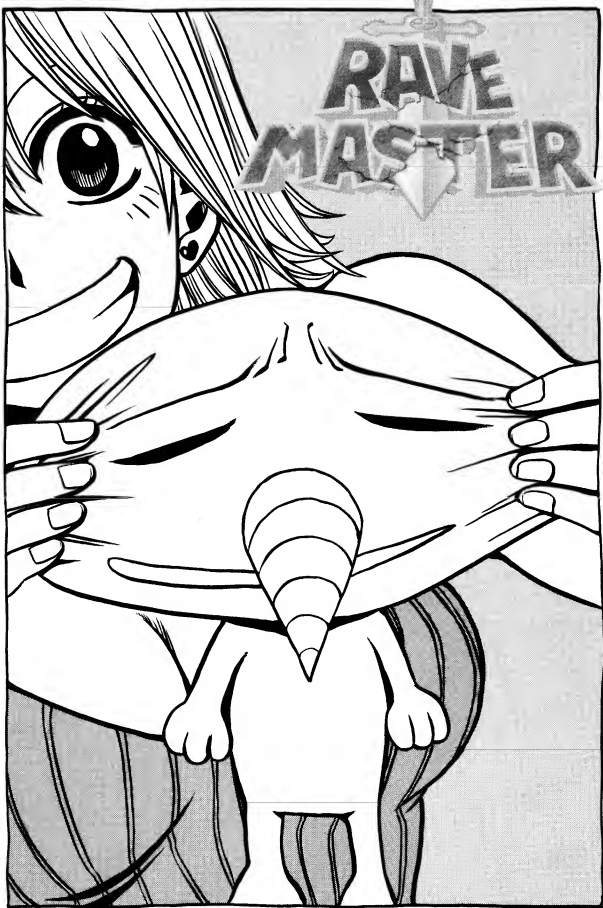
WE WON'T
FORGET YOU,
EITHER!!

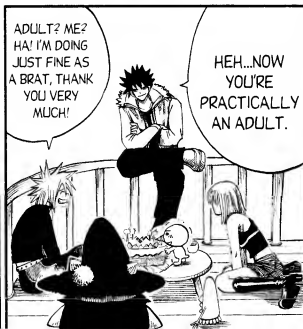
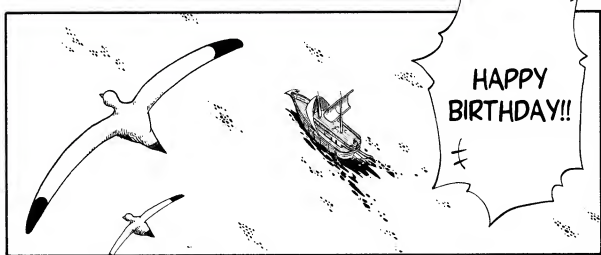
...and watched
her friends
sail off to new
adventures.

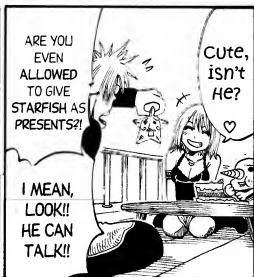
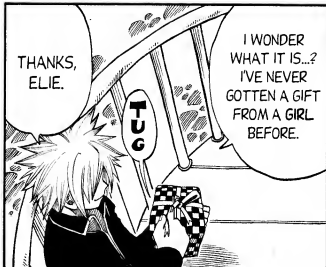
Without
conveying
her feelings
of love, the
Mermaid
Princess
returned to
the sea...

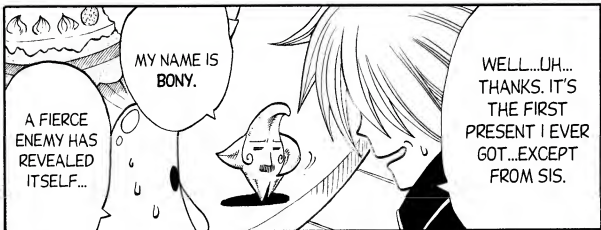
...unaware that it
took them one
step closer to
catastrophe.

And so,
Haru and
his friends
headed back
to Dalmatian,
who held the
fourth Rave...









MY NAME IS
BONY.

A FIERCE
ENEMY HAS
REVEALED
ITSELF...

WELL...UH...
THANKS. IT'S
THE FIRST
PRESENT I EVER
GOT...EXCEPT
FROM SIS.



HEY! HOW
OLD DO I
LOOK?

AH...
SORRY.



DON'T COMPLAIN!!
AT LEAST YOU HAVE
A BIRTHDAY. I DON'T
EVEN KNOW WHEN I
WAS BORN!

HMPH!



YOU'RE PROBABLY
ABOUT THE
SAME AGE AS
ME, RIGHT?

YES...ABOUT
THAT, POYO.

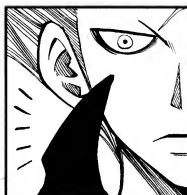
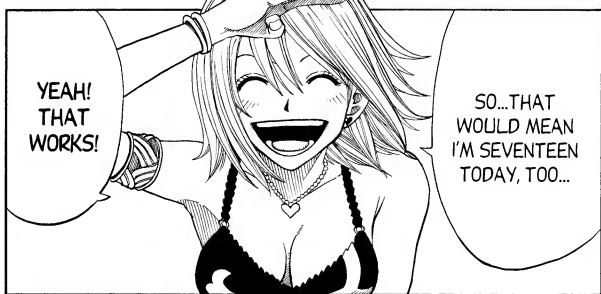


NO!
SEVENTEEN...
OR MAYBE
EIGHT?

THAT'S AN
EASY ONE!
THIRTY-
FOUR
INCHES!



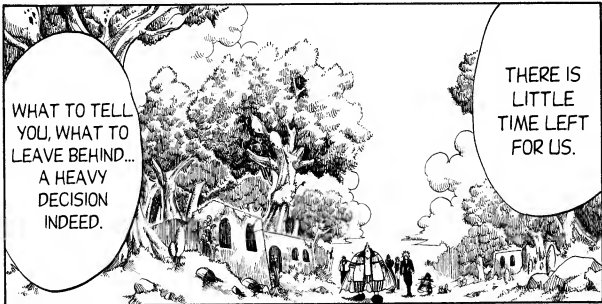
HMM...
FIFTEEN...





YEAH...I DIDN'T
MEET CLEAR
MALTESE
FACE TO FACE,
THOUGH.

HARU...YOU HAVE
ALREADY MET
DEERHOUND AND
CLEAR.



WHAT TO TELL
YOU, WHAT TO
LEAVE BEHIND...
A HEAVY
DECISION
INDEED.

THERE IS
LITTLE
TIME LEFT
FOR US.



A
NAMELESS
ISLAND.



WHERE
ARE WE?



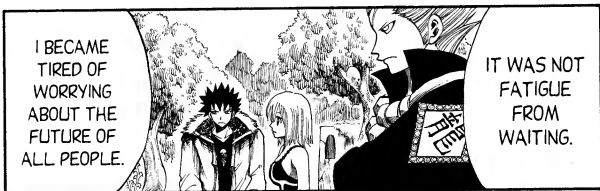


IT IS MY
WILL
THAT HAS
WEAKENED.



...BUT I
REALIZE
NOW
THAT
I WAS
WRONG.

AT FIRST, I
THOUGHT
IT WAS
THE POWER
OF RAVE
THAT WAS
WEAKENING...



I BECAME
TIRED OF
WORRYING
ABOUT THE
FUTURE OF
ALL PEOPLE.

IT WAS NOT
FATIGUE
FROM
WAITING.



HANDING OVER
THE RAVE OF
DESTINY...WILL
BE A GOOD THING.

...BUT NOW
I FEEL
DOUBT.



PUN!!



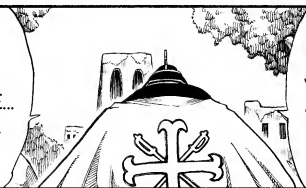
ONCE, I
BELIEVED
WITH ALL MY
HEART THAT
PEACE WOULD
COME TO THE
WORLD...



FIFTY
YEARS AGO,
I KILLED
LADY
RESHA.



LADY RESHA
GAVE HER LIFE...
FOR NOTHING.



LADY RESHA, WHO
YEARNED FOR PEACE
MORE THAN ANYONE,
CREATED RAVE, A
WEAPON OF WAR.

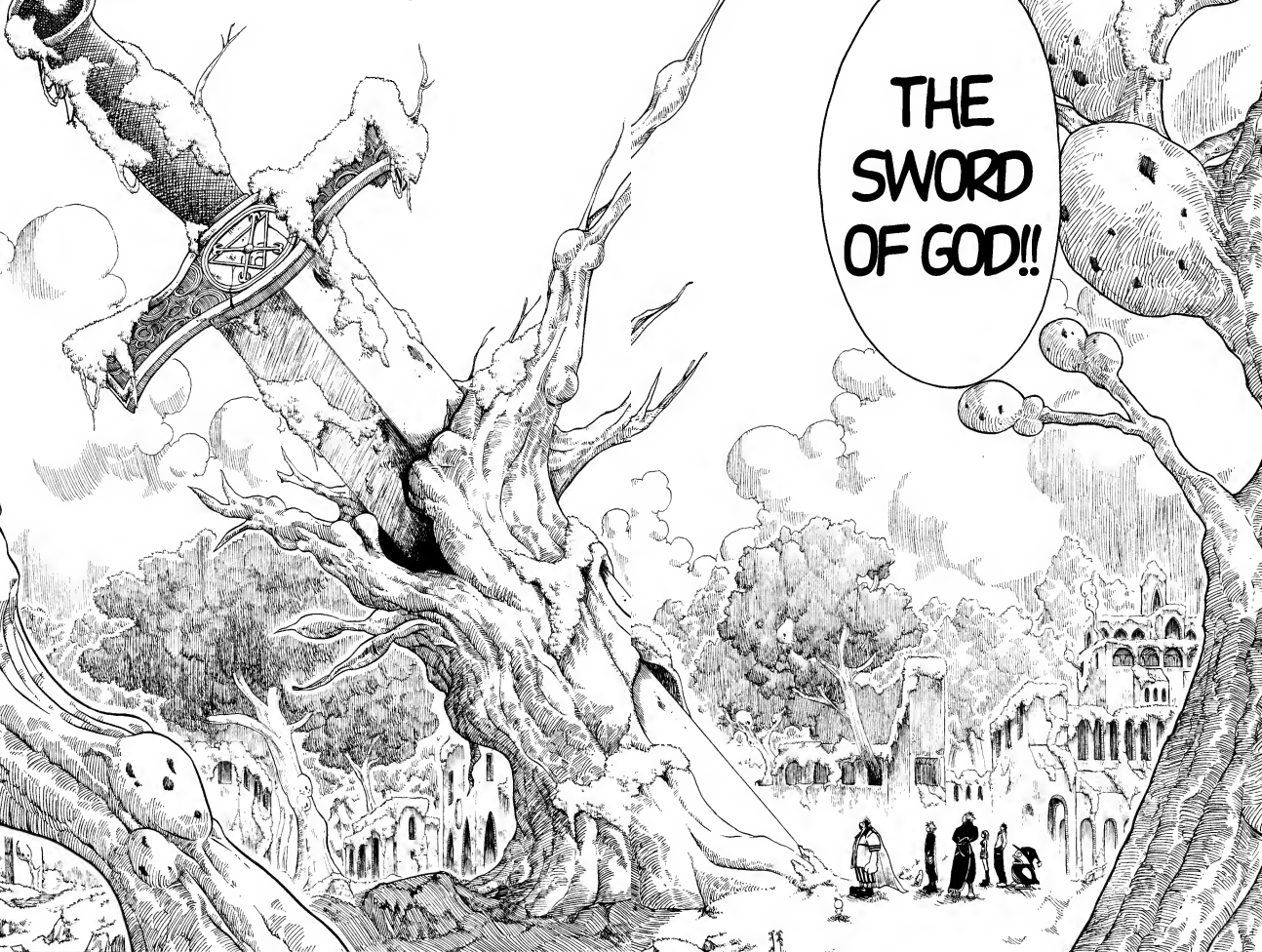


BEHOLD
....!!



WE NEVER
GAINED
THE PEACE
WE WERE
PROMISED!!

**THE
SWORD
OF GOD!!**





THOUGH SOME
SAY IT WAS
A "GIANT"...
BUT HISTORY
RECORDS THAT
GOD BROUGHT THE
WAR TO AN END.

GOD CAST DOWN
HIS SWORD TO
PUNISH THOSE
WHO CONTINUED
IN THEIR
STRUGGLE.



NOW THAT
YOU'VE SEEN IT,
RAVE MASTER...
ANY THOUGHTS?

THE IMPACT OF
THAT SWORD
STRIKING GROUND
SLEW EVERYONE
ON THIS ISLAND.



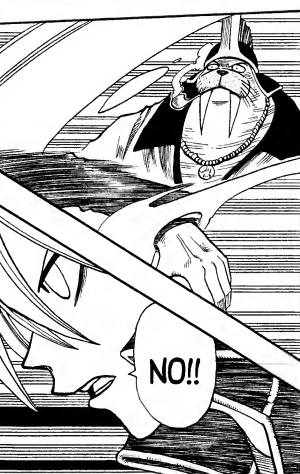
AND IS RAVE
NOT THE
SAME?



IT'S
HORRIBLE
...



I SEE.





...GAVE UP ON
HUMANS WAY
TOO SOON!!



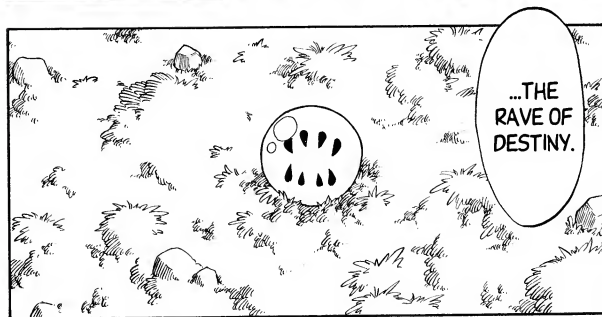
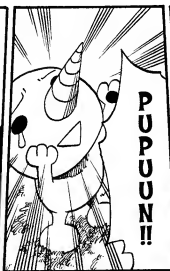
THIS SO-
CALLED
"GOD"...

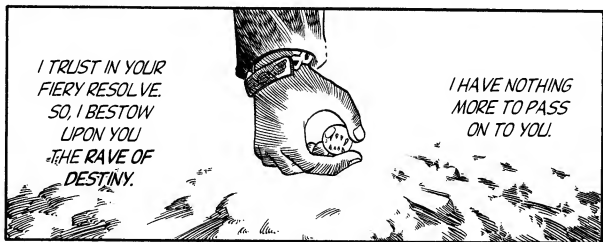




...WANTS PEACE!!!

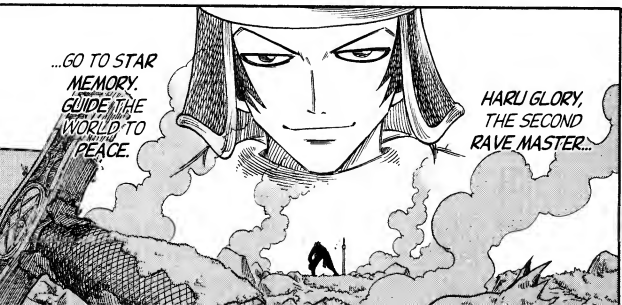






I TRUST IN YOUR
FIERY RESOLVE.
SO, I BESTOW
UPON YOU
THE RAVE OF
DESTINY.

I HAVE NOTHING
MORE TO PASS
ON TO YOU.

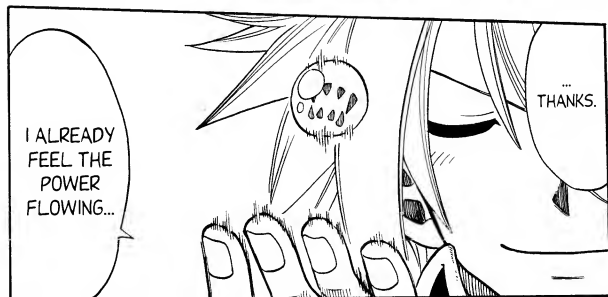


...GO TO STAR
MEMORY.
GUIDE THE
WORLD TO
PEACE.

HARU GLORY,
THE SECOND
RAVE MASTER...



DALMA-
TIAN...



I ALREADY
FEEL THE
POWER
FLOWING...

...
THANKS.



ONE
RAVE
STONE
TO GO!!

JUST ONE
MORE--AND
RAVE'LL BE
COMPLETE!!!

GLENCH

Q&A CORNER!!

- Q.** What's that mustache thing on the lower right corner of Vol. 9's cover? It looks like an obvious error. (OK - Saitama Prefecture)
- A.** Ya got me. I was using the laptop I bought to paint with digital colors, but...I messed up. Blw—I did this cover digitally, too...only without messing up.
- Q.** What does that kanji character on Haja's outfit say? Is it a word? (Hinelo - Tokyo City)
- A.** It means "infinity." I used it as a word here, but it's a math concept. It means 10 to the 52nd power—meaning, going from 1 to 10, 100, 1000, 10,000, etc. up to 52 times. Beyond that, we'd just use an infinity symbol, right? Got it? (Or so a math teacher once told me.)
- Q.** How the heck do you get 100 points in "Plue's Adventure Diary" in Vol. 16? Please tell me! (Human - Yamaguchi Prefecture)
- A.** Okay! Big hint! It involves warping to somewhere! Pay attention to what the *sign* is telling you!!





YES, MY LIEGE.
FURTHERMORE,
MASTER JEGAN ONLY
OBTAINED ONE OF THE
SINCLAIRE STONES.
THE RAVE MASTER
TOOK DORYU'S.



REINA DIED,
YOU SAY?

Demon
Card
HQ



USELESS
WOMAN.

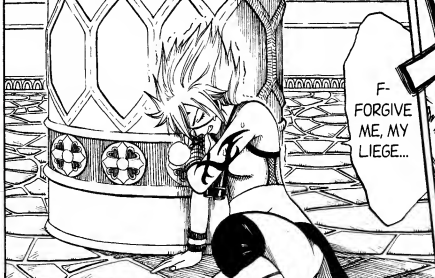
HMPH.

HOWEVER, I THINK
IT BEST NOT TO
SPEAK ILL OF
THE--

BUT MASTER
LUCIA...I DID NOT
LIKE MISS REINA
AS A COMMANDER,
EITHER...

**Lady Joker--Demon Card
Intelligence Officer**

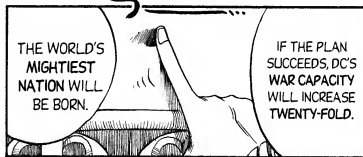






TODAY,
PROJECT DR
SHALL BE
REALIZED.

RECALL THE
FOUR REMAINING
ORACION SIX.



THE WORLD'S
MIGHTIEST
NATION WILL
BE BORN.

IF THE PLAN
SUCCEEDS, DC'S
WAR CAPACITY
WILL INCREASE
TWENTY-FOLD.



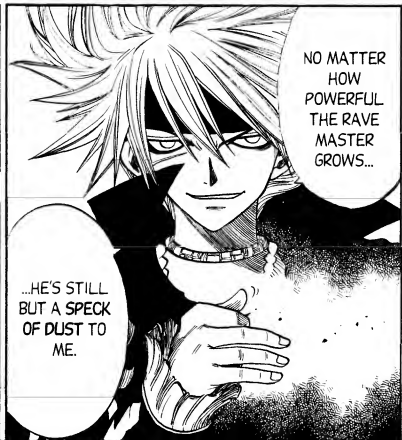
PROJECT
DR?! THAT'S
DC'S
GREATEST
SECRET!
IT'S A PLAN
EVEN I DON'T
KNOW...



UNTIL NOW,
A SINGLE
ORACION SIX
WAS EQUAL
TO AN ENTIRE
NATION'S
ARMY!



WHAT
COULD BE
GREATER...?

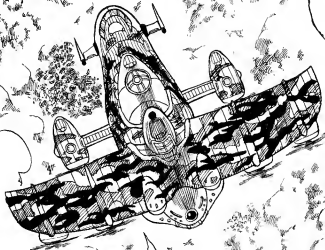


...HE'S STILL
BUT A SPECK
OF DUST TO
ME.

NO MATTER
HOW
POWERFUL
THE RAVE
MASTER
GROWS...

**Sky Pirate
Flying
Base--Blue
Guardians**

Several
days earlier,
above
the Luka
Continent..



OH...WHAT
BEAUTIFUL
WORDS THIS
WOMAN SPEAKS.

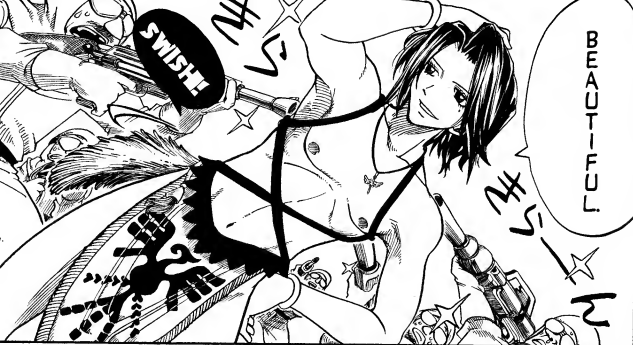
OR WOULD
YOU RATHER
LOSE YOUR
HEAD HERE
AND NOW?

THERE IS
NOTHING TO
DISCUSS.
TURN
AROUND AND
LEAVE NOW.

BUT I DID NOT
COME TO SPEAK
WITH YOU.
WILL YOU NOT
CALL CAPTAIN
HARDENER?

**Blue Guardians
First Mate--Lunar**





BEAUTIFUL



WHAT'S
ALL THIS
THEN?

IS MY
OUTFIT NOT
RESPLENDENT?

*If you've got it,
baby--flaunt it!*



WHAT A
SHAMELESS
DISPLAY FROM
A DEMON CARD
GENERAL. HAVE
YOU NO SHAME?



HRM?

SO SINCLAIRE IS
YOUR TARGET!
HMPH! AND YOU,
A MERE ORACION
SIX, MEAN TO
CHALLENGE ME TO
BATTLE?!



HMM...AS
LARGE A
MAN AS THE
RUMORS
SAY.

PARDON ME...
BUT IS THAT
A SINCLAIRE
STONE
HANGING
FROM YOUR
NECK?



CAPTAIN!!

CAPT.
HARDNER
?!

WE WANT YOU
AND YOUR BLUE
GUARDIANS TO
AFFILIATE WITH
DEMON CARD.

ON THE
CONTRARY.



YOUNG AND
FOOLISH THOUGH
HE WAS, A DEMON
LORD LOSING TO
A HUMAN IS A
DISGRACE INDEED!

THIS STAINS
THE TITLE OF
ALL DEMON
LORDS!

YES.

DORYU WAS
SLAIN BY
A MERE
HUMAN?!



DEMON LORD MEGIDO...
I COME TO YOU WITH A
PROPOSITION. IF YOU AND
THE OTHER FOUR GREAT
DEMON LORDS WERE TO
ALIGN YOUR POWER WITH
DEMON CARD, WE COULD
OFFER YOU REVENGE
AGAINST THE HUMAN WHO
KILLED DORYU.



I ASK
THAT
YOU
SUBMIT
TO
HIM.

NO...
FOR OUR
LEADER,
LUCIA
RARE-
GROOVE.



DO NOT
MOCK ME.
WE SHOULD
ALTER OUR
DESTINY ON
BEHALF OF
THAT BRAT?



DUKE
BERIAL--
HAVE YOU
GONE MAD?!



S N A P !

S N A P !

S N A P !



I CAN MAKE
YOU VANISH
IN TWO
SECONDS!!

**Great Demon Lord
Megido of the Lava**



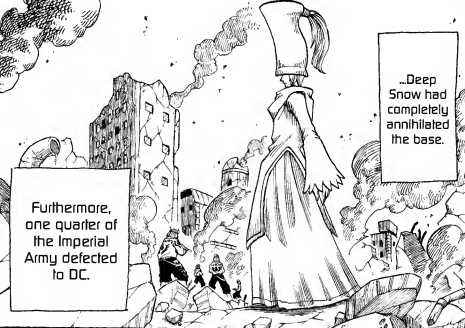
LUCIA IS
NO HUMAN.
HE IS THE
ULTIMATE
DEMON.



US
SUBMITTING
TO A MERE
HUMAN?!



HE IS THE
VESSEL
THE GREAT
DEMON KING
HAS LONG
SEARCHED
FOR.



Furthermore,
one quarter of
the Imperial
Army defected
to DC.

...Deep
Snow had
completely
annihilated
the base.



Mean-
while,
at the
Imperial
Head-
quarters...



IT'S ALL
JUST AN
EXCUSE TO
CONTROL
THE MOBS.

BE IT THE
PURSUIT
OF JUSTICE
OR SIMPLE
CONQUEST...

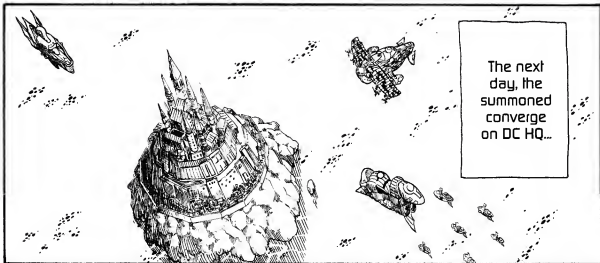
Few Imperial Soldiers
believe in true justice...they
are merely hired hands.
Those with evil hearts that
Deep Snow had secretly
recruited over the past
several years now leapt
into action.



...attempts to recruit
Shakuma, his own
teacher and the
world's mightiest
sorcerer.

MASTER...
GRANT
US THY
POWER...

Mean-
while,
DC Chief
of Staff
Haja...



The next day, the summoned converge on DC HQ...



S-SO MANY...



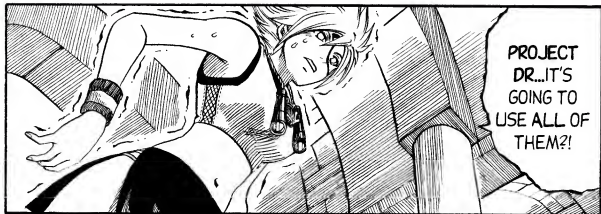
...AND SHAKUMA, THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST SORCERER, TAUGHT HAJA, GREATEST OF THE ORACION SIX, EVERYTHING HE KNOWS!



...THE FOUR DEMON LORDS WHO RULE THE MYSTIC REALM POSSESS POWER FAR BEYOND DORYU'S...



THE BLUE GUARDIANS ARE SAID TO POSSESS MIGHT EQUAL TO DEMON CARD...



PROJECT
DR...IT'S
GOING TO
USE ALL OF
THEM?!



AND I MERELY
CAME TO
SEE IF THIS
LUCIA IS AS
POWERFUL AS
I WAS TOLD.



DON'T JUMP TO
CONCLUSIONS,
MISSY. I'M ONLY
HERE TO LISTEN.
I AIN'T PROMISED
YOUR BOSS NOTHIN'
YET.



I DON'T
KNOW
ABOUT
YOU--
BUT I'M
FEELING
GREAT!



EVERYONE...
THANK YOU
FOR COMING.

...ARE RIGHT
HERE, WHERE
THEY BELONG...
GATHERED
BEFORE ME.

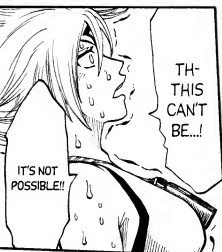
BEAR WITNESS
TO A FIRST IN
THE HISTORY OF
DARKNESS. ALL
THE BLACKEST
SOULS OF
DARKNESS...





THEY CAN
ALREADY
FEEL IT...

I NEEDN'T
SAY
MUCH.



IT'S NOT
POSSIBLE!!

TH-
THIS
CAN'T
BE...!



MAN
OF THE
FORBIDDEN
NAME...

...OUR
GATHERING
HAS BEEN
PREDESTINED.



INDEED...

THE
VESSEL
OF THE
GREAT
DEMON
KING.



HEH
HEH
HEH...

SO YOU'RE
LUCIA, HUH?
INTERESTING

...



This is Project
DR: THE DARK
RENDEZVOUS!!

And so, the
new **Demon**
Card, the
mightiest
nation of all,
has been
born!

EVERYONE!! BEFORE
WE GET TOO FAR
FROM SOUTHERN-
BERG, THERE'S
SOMETHING WE
MUSTN'T
FORGET...!



Of course,
Haru and the
others know
nothing of
this.

DO YOU
ENJOY
FISHING,
SIR?

P
U
N
N
!!

HEY! NOW
THAT YOU
MENTION
IT, HE WAS
SPOT ON!

MASTER SAGA'S
PROPHECY!
WAS IT RIGHT?

THE PROPHECY,
POYO...

"GRIFF AND PLUE
WILL FLICKER AS THE
CANDLELIGHT."

MASTER PLUE
AND I DID INDEED
DO OUR SHARE OF
FLICKERING.

"IN THE SOUTH, YOU WILL
DISCOVER *GREAT SADNESS*
WITHIN YOU... BUT YOU CANNOT
RUN FROM IT."

MINE, TOO. I COULD'VE
DRUNK THE POISON
WHEN I THOUGHT
HARU AND MUSICA
HAD DIED...
...BUT I
DIDN'T
RUN.

"YOU WILL DRAW YOUR
BLADE IN A FATEFUL
ENCOUNTER."

I MET DORYU
AND USED
MY SWORD,
POYO!

MINE WAS
RIGHT, POYO!



! YOUR PROPHECY SURE SOUNDED BAD...

LET... WHAT ABOUT YOU?



AND MUSICA... YOU HAD A HARD CHOICE, TOO.



I DON'T THINK OLD MEN'S PROPHECIES WORK ON DRAGON RACE.

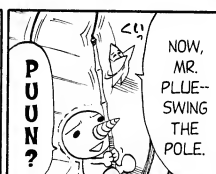
HMPH.

NOTHING HAPPENED.

"IN THE SOUTH... WITHIN THE DARKNESS... SOMETHING PRECIOUS YOU HAVE LOST WILL COME FORTH."

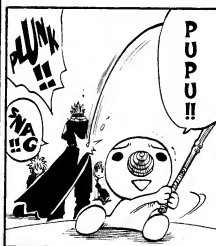


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PUUN?

NOW, MR. PLUE-- SWING THE POLE.



PLUNK !!

SLANG !!

PUPU !!



DRAGON!!



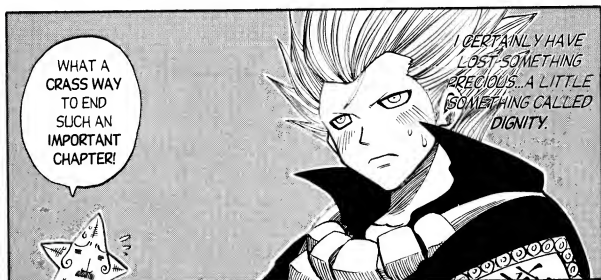
I SEE...



great big Jewels, Poyo!!

MISS ELIE, DON'T LOOK!

HARU FAINTED!!



WHAT A CRASS WAY TO END SUCH AN IMPORTANT CHAPTER!

I CERTAINLY HAVE LOST SOMETHING PRECIOUS... A LITTLE SOMETHING CALLED DIGNITY.

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GRAND-THEFT AUTO
BLUES TWO

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Gonzales Yoshimoto
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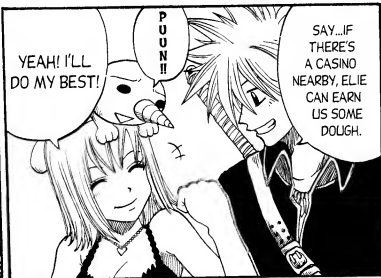
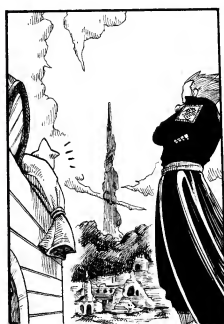
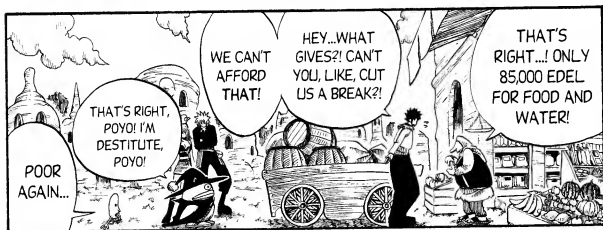
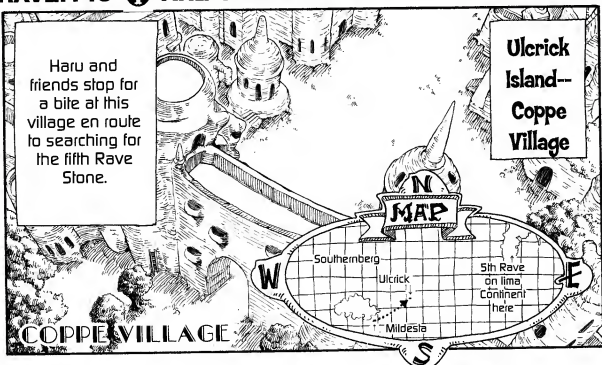
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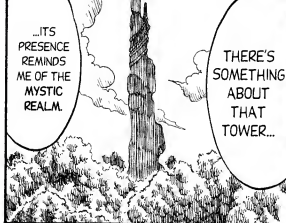
All-Nighter

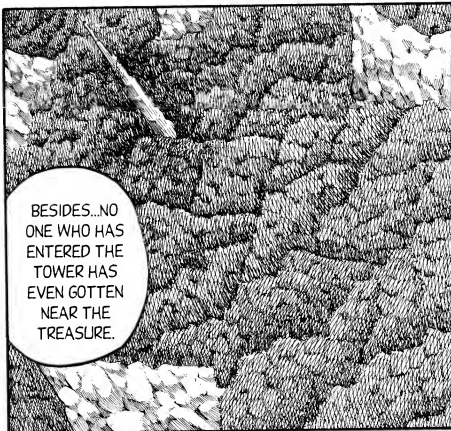
Finally, entering the 300th day!
The Dynamic Climax!!

Author: Hiro Shima

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BESIDES...NO
ONE WHO HAS
ENTERED THE
TOWER HAS
EVEN GOTTEN
NEAR THE
TREASURE.

A FEARSOME
DEMON LIVES
NEAR THE
TOWER.

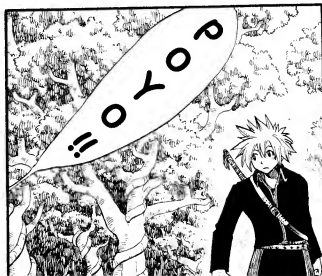


MR.
RUBY!!

Hey,
Ruby!!

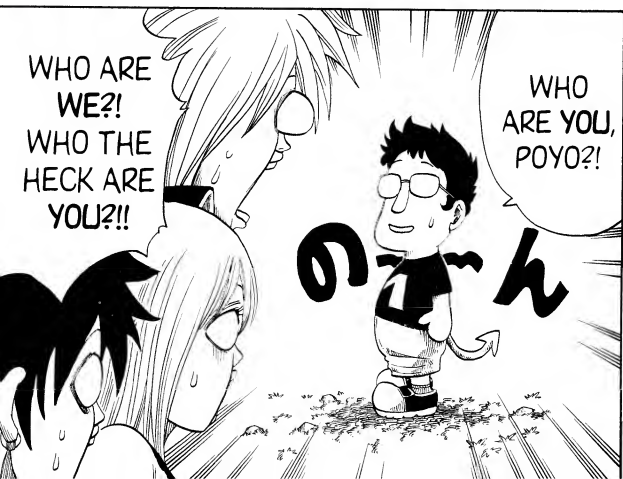
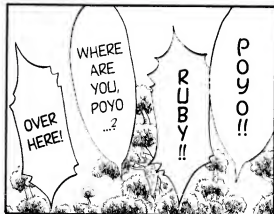
THIS SUCKS! MAYBE
WE SHOULD JUST LET
THE SQUIRT LEARN HIS
LESSON-THE HARD
WAY!

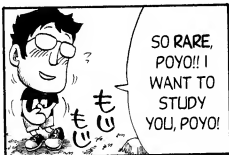
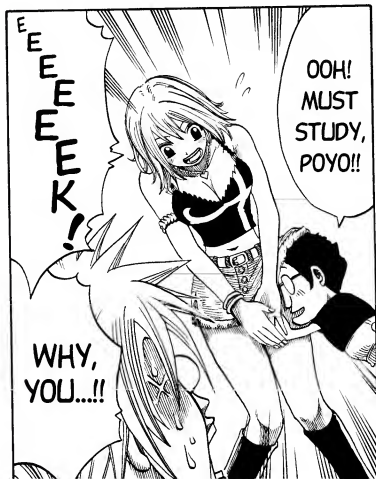
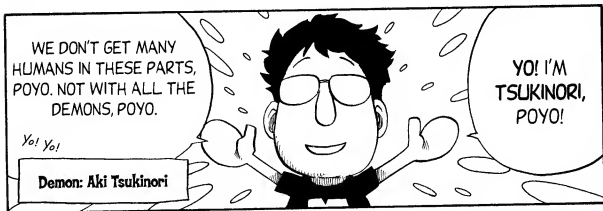
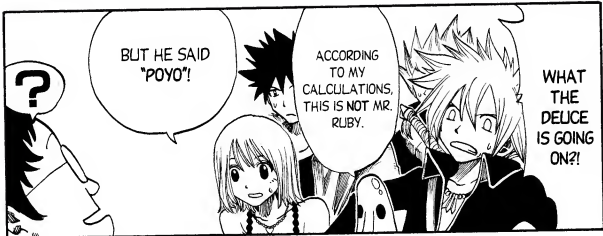
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IDIOT...

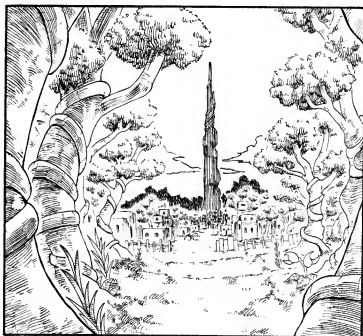
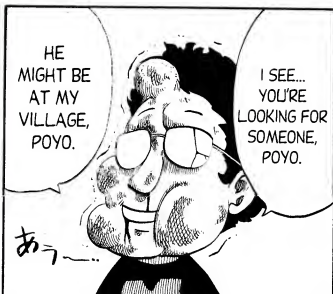


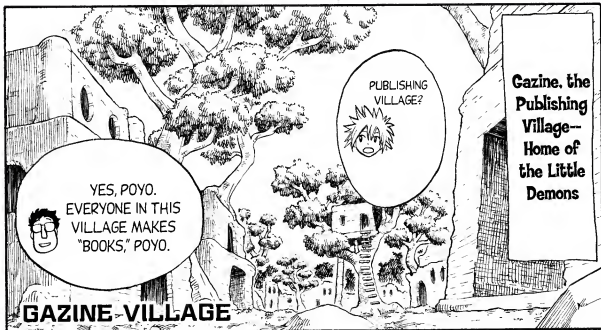
MASTER
RUBY!!!

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**Gazine, the
Publishing
Village--
Home of
the Little
Demons**

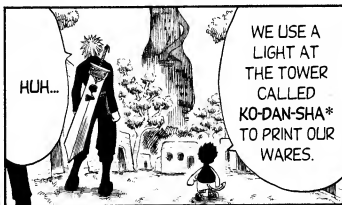
YES, POYO.
EVERYONE IN THIS
VILLAGE MAKES
"BOOKS," POYO.

GAZINE VILLAGE



YO! I'M
GREAT,
HUH?

ACTUALLY,
I'M THE
EDITOR-IN-
CHIEF OF
GAZINE,
POYO.



HUH...

WE USE A
LIGHT AT
THE TOWER
CALLED
KO-DAN-SHA*
TO PRINT OUR
WARES.

**In Japan, Rave Master was first published in
Weekly Shonen Magazine by Kodansha.*



RAVE?!!

IT'S PUBLISHED IN
WEEKLY SHONEN
GAZINE*, POYO.

I EDIT THE
POPULAR
RAVE MASTER
MANGA, DRAWN
BY HIRO SHIMA-
SENSEI.

*Cool, huh? Cool,
huh?*

IT'S AN ACTION-ADVENTURE MANGA OF LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP, POYO.

IT'S ABOUT A YOUNG, BLOND HERO WHO INHERITS THE HOLY STONE "RAVE" AND USES IT TO BATTLE THOSE POSSESSING EVIL STONES CALLED "DARK BRINGS," POYO.

YEAH...FIRST A MUSEUM... AND NOW A MANGA? WE SURE ARE GETTING FAMOUS, AIN'T WE...?

IT'S LIKE WHAT HAPPENED THAT TIME BEFORE.

DON'T GRAB ME...

YES, POYO. IT'S A TRUE STORY, POYO.

Y-YOU MEAN...

THE SECOND RAVE MASTER, THE BLOND WARRIOR HAALUU.

HUH. NAME'S A LITTLE WEIRD, WOULDN'T YOU SAY?

HE'S THE MAIN CHARACTER OF THE MANGA, POYO.

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OOF!

"TEE HEE" AGAIN?



Tee hee!

HEY... CAN I SEE THAT RAVE MASTER MANGA?

SURE, POYO!! HERE, POYO!! JUST A SEC, POYO!!

THAT
AIN'T
ME!!!

OF COURSE NOT,
POYO. WHAT
ARE YOU
SUGGESTING,
POYO?



UGH...
ANY-
THING
BUT A
GEEZER...

THAT'S
WHAT MY
SISTER
CALLED ME
BACK IN THE
DAY...

Haalu—the
Second
Rave
Master



YO...
CHECK
THIS
OUT.

I DON'T SEE
WHY YOU'RE
LAUGHING.
IT'S NOT A
COMIC SCENE,
POYO!

No worries.



NOOO
!!!

BUN!!

THE RAVE
BEARER,
BLUUN, THE
WHITE BUG.

Famously
cute, poyo.

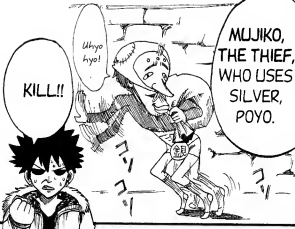
GULP!

HE HAS
OTHER
TRAVELING
COMPANIONS.
POYO.



PUN!!



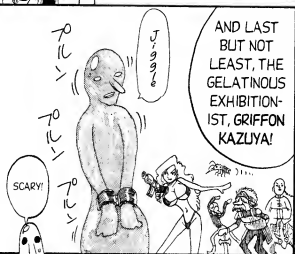


MUJIKO,
THE THIEF,
WHO USES
SILVER,
POYO.

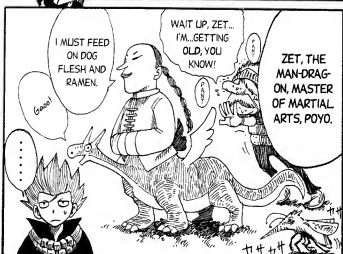
KILL!!



THE GAM-
BLING-LOVING
MACHINE-
GUN-TOTING
BABE, SEXY
ERYN.



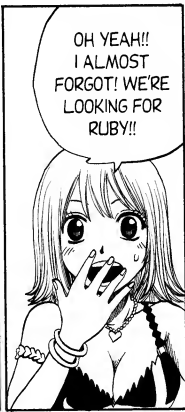
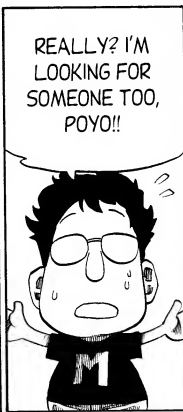
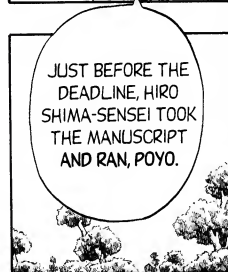
AND LAST
BUT NOT
LEAST, THE
GELATINOUS
EXHIBITION-
IST, GRIFFON
KAZUYA!

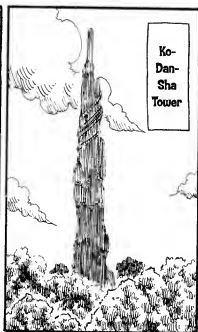


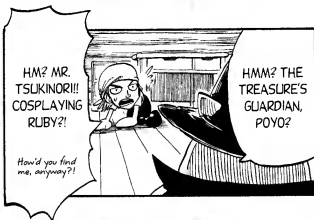
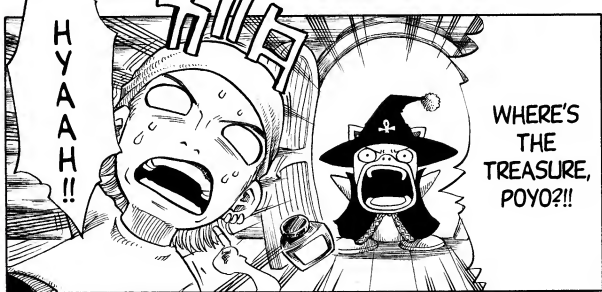
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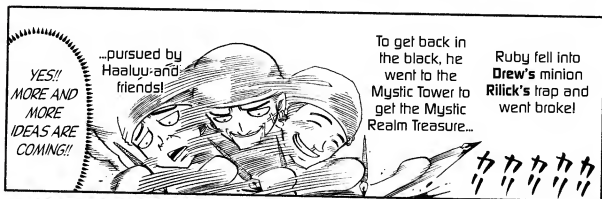
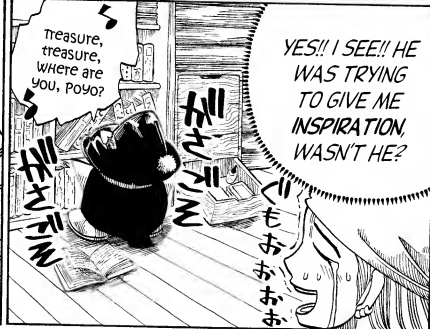
I SAY! THEY'RE
EXACTLY LIKE
THEIR FAMOUS
REAL-WORLD
COUNTERPARTS,
POYO.

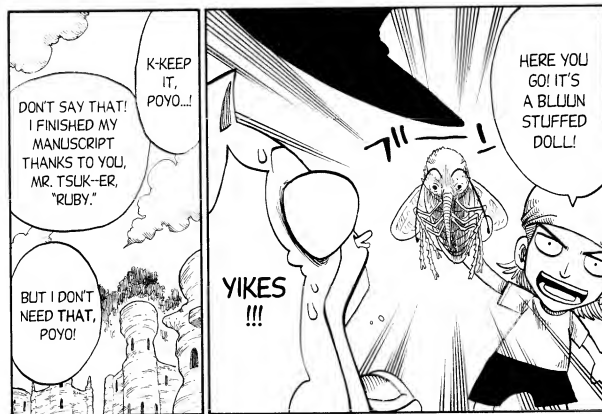
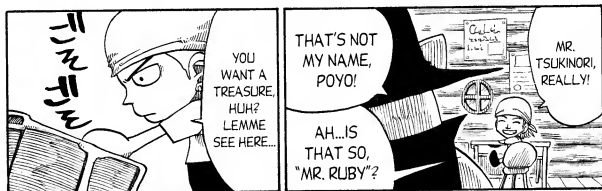


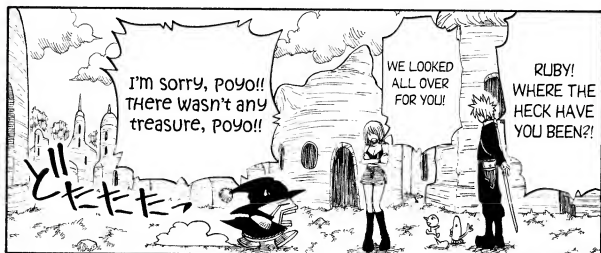


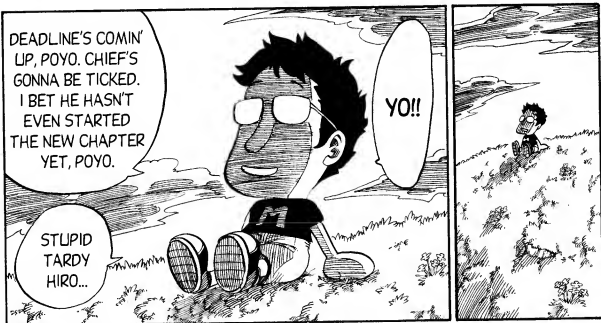
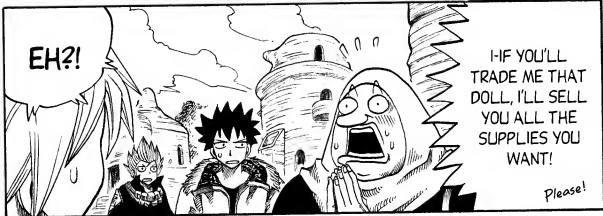


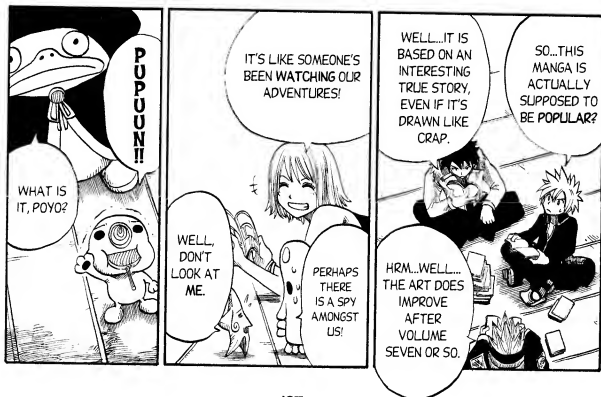
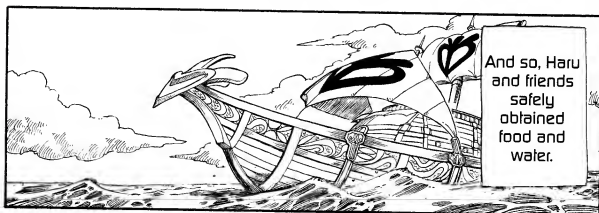
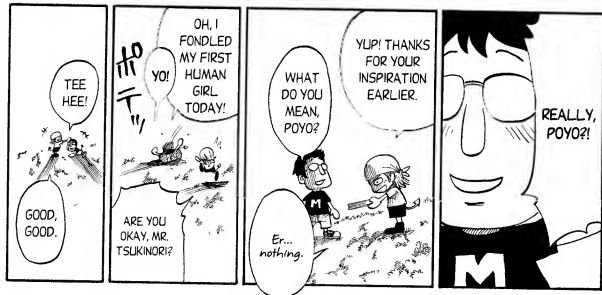


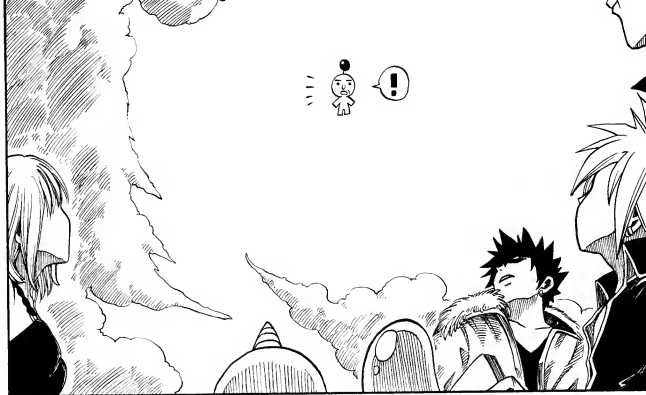




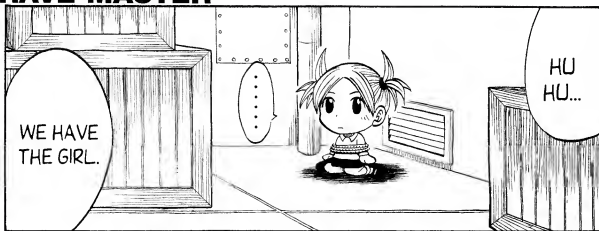








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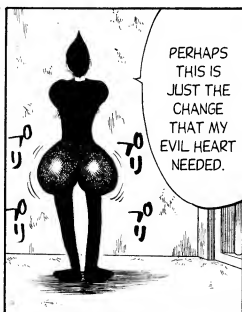


FOR WE
ARE
TRUE
EVIL...

THE
INFAMOUS
JIGGLE
BUTT
GANG!!!

RAVE
MASTER







WE'VE NEVER
ESCAPED
FROM A
PRISON
BEFORE!!!

ESCAPING
FROM HERE
WILL BE
TRUE EVIL!!!



I'LL
NEVER
RETIRE!!

I'VE BEEN
WAITING
FOR THIS
VERY
MOMENT!
THIS TIME!!
THIS SITU-
ATION!!



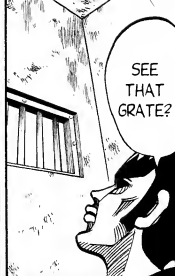
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HU...

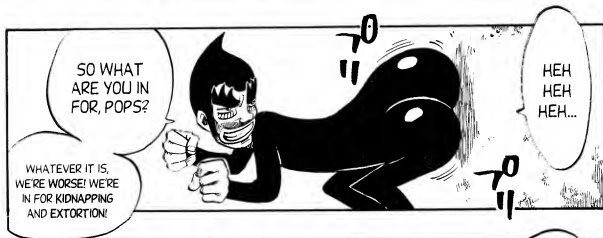
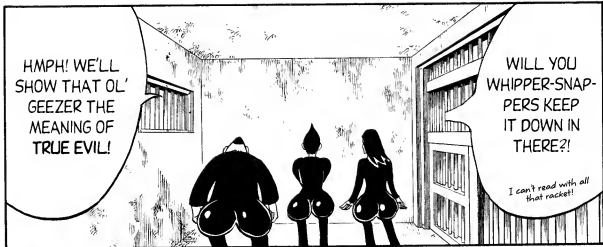
UM, BOSS...?
CAN WE
REALLY
ESCAPE?



I WAS
WRONG TO
DOUBT YOU,
BOSS!

ALL RIGHT,
BOYS! DIS-
CIPLINE!!
DROP AND
GIVE ME 27
PUSHUPS!!

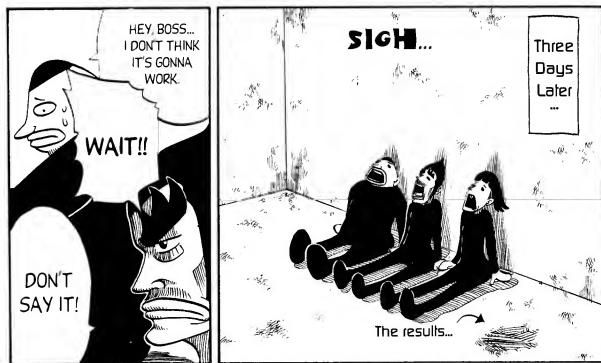
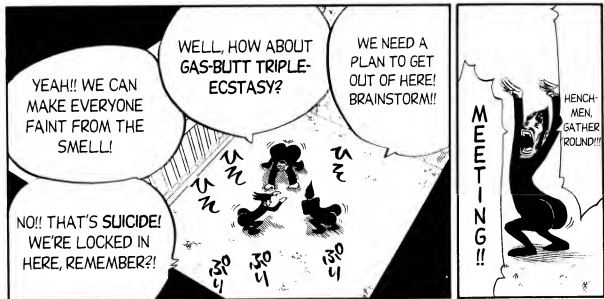


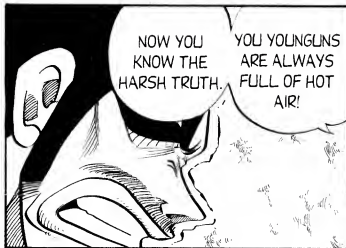




HEY,
WHIPPER-
SNAPPERS!







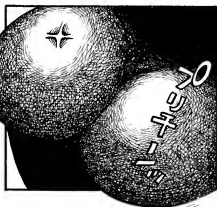
NOW YOU
KNOW THE
HARSH TRUTH.

YOU YOUNGLINS
ARE ALWAYS
FULL OF HOT
AIR!



GRR...

HU HU HU...
SEE? TOLD
YOU SO.



BETTER TO
JUST GET
USED TO IT
NOW.

YOU'LL SEE. THIS
PLACE AIN'T SO
BAD.

IT'LL JUST
MAKE YOU
MORE LIPSET.

YOU MIGHT
AS WELL
STOP TRYING.

NO!! I'VE HAD TO
LISTEN TO THAT
GEEZER WHINE ABOUT
HIS DAMN BOOK FOR
THREE DAYS!!!

I CAN'T
TAKE
ANYMORE!!!

SHUT UP,
YOU OLD
PRUNE!!!

B-BOSS!!
C-CALM
D-DOWN!!!

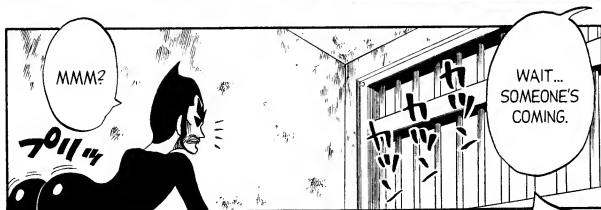


STOP
LAUGHING
!!!

HUU
HUU
HUU...



ADMIT IT!
YOU'RE JUST
AS MISER-
ABLE IN HERE
AS US!



MMM?

WAIT...
SOMEONE'S
COMING.



HIYA, POPS! YOU'RE
THAT GUY FROM THE
TRAIN! WHAT ARE YOU
DOING HERE?



HARU?!!

!



I SEE.

ACTUALLY...
PLUE GOT
LOST, AND I'M
OUT LOOKING
FOR HIM.



A CESSPOOL OF
EVIL LIKE THIS IS
NO PLACE FOR A
KIND-HEARTED KID
LIKE YOU!

YOU FOOL!!
THAT'S MY
LINE!!



THAT
SAID...



HU HU HU...
OUR MERE
EXISTENCE IS
EVIL.

DID YOU DO
SOMETHING
EVIL?



THAT
HARU...
WHAT A
NICE GUY.

林林

WAIT
HERE! I'LL
GO TALK
TO THE
WARDEN!!



B-BOSS!
SOMEONE ELSE
IS COMING!

ハッ
ハッ
ハッ



YOU'RE
INNOCENT,
AREN'T YOU
POPS?! POOR
MAN!!

...GET ME
OUTTA
HERE!!!

KID'S PRETTY
GULLI-
BLE, AIN'T
HE?

HE
DID IT
AGAIN.

MACHINE
GUN
GIRL!!

HEY!



TO
EAT
HIM?!

OH, I'M JUST
LOOKING FOR
PLUE.



WH-WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING
HERE?



SO
SCRAM.

HMPH! I'VE
ALREADY
TAKEN
REVENGE
AGAINST
YOU.



SHE'S
AFTER
PLUE!!

BEFORE
SHE
FINDS HIM
FIRST!

HURRY,
HARU!! YOU
HAVE TO
FIND PLUE,
AND FAST!!







EEP!
WE...WE
WOULDN'T
KNOW!

PUUN!!

THAT DAMN
PLUE...HE
CRAPPED
ALL OVER
MY FA-
VORITE
T-SHIRT!



HE'S AFTER
PLUE, TOO!!! AND
HE'S IN A REALLY
BAD MOOD...



YOU
GUYS
SEEN
THIS
FELLA?



DAMN.

NOT SO
FAST,
DECOBIUS
!!!



NO! THE
EVILEST OF
EVILS ON THE
EVIL METER!

SO
THAT
MEANS
...



EVIL
LEVEL?!

I SAY WE
TAKE THE
THINGS TO
AQUA-
MARINE.

Y-YOU
MEAN
THE
COL-
OR..?



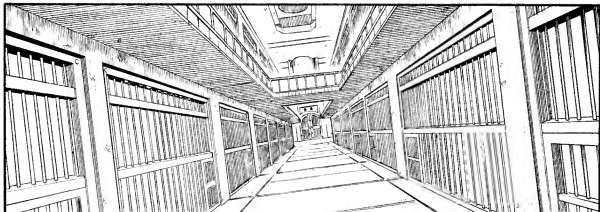
W-WAIT,
HENCHMEN!!
THE EVIL
LEVEL OF THIS
SITUATION
WON'T RISE IF
WE COWER!!



YOU GOT NO
FAT IN YOUR
BUTT--'CUZ
IT'S ALL IN
YOUR HEAD!!

HEY!!
STUPID-
FACE!!





WOO
HOO! WE
ESCAPED
FROM
PRISON!!!



LOOK!

WE
CAN
GET
OUT!



THAT GUY'S
THE EVILEST
OF EVIL!!

F-FEAR NOT,
HENCHMEN...
HEAVEN WILL
WELCOME US!

HEY, BOSS...
WHADDYA SAY
WE GIVE UP
AND DIE?

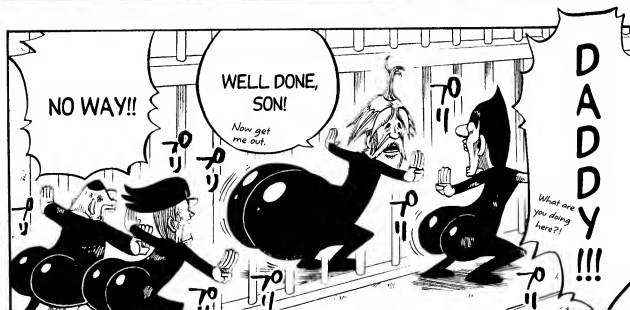
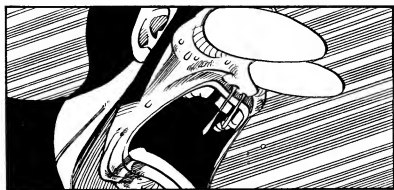


HU HU HU...
NOW WHO'S
GOT THE LAST
LAUGH, OLD
MAN?!



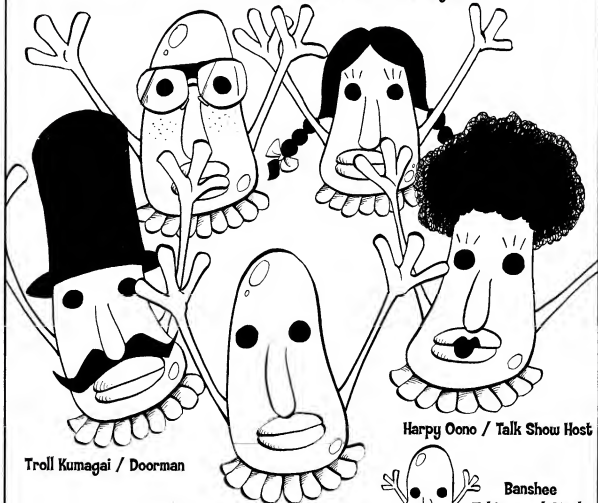
THAT'S
THE JIGGLE
BUTT GANG
FOR YOU!!!

JUST AS I
PLANNED!!



Colem Arita / Mechanic

Manticore Iiduka / Food Fighter



Troll Kumagai / Doorman

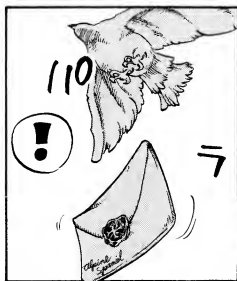
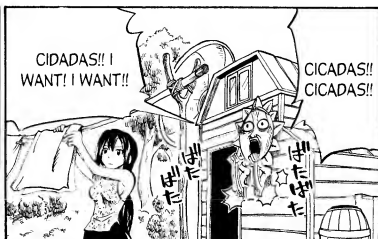
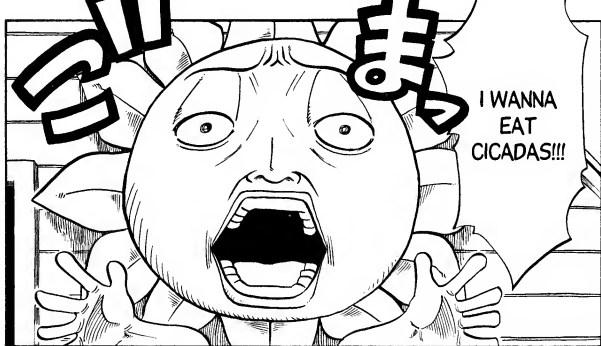
Harpy Oono / Talk Show Host

Griffon Kato / Cartographer



Banshee
Takigawa / Gigolo





IT'S FOR
SHIBA.

I wonder who...?

A
LETTER?

ALPINE
SPANIEL?

THE WOUNDS YOU SUFFERED
LAST YEAR WOULD HAVE
CRIPPLED MOST MEN. AT
YOUR AGE, IT'S A MIRACLE
YOU EVEN SURVIVED!

YOU'RE ONLY A
MAN, SHIBA--
AND A VERY
OLD ONE AT
THAT.

OH, IT'S
NOT THAT
BIG A
DEAL...

YOU CAN'T KEEP
PUSHING YOURSELF
LIKE THIS, GRAMPS.
FISHING IS ONE
THING...BUT SKINNY-
DIPPING...? YOU'LL
DROWN!

I'M TELLING
YOU THE
TRUTH.

NOW,
THERE'S
NO NEED
TO EXAG-
GERATE...



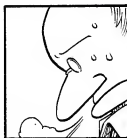
I STILL
HAVE
MANY
THINGS
TO DO.



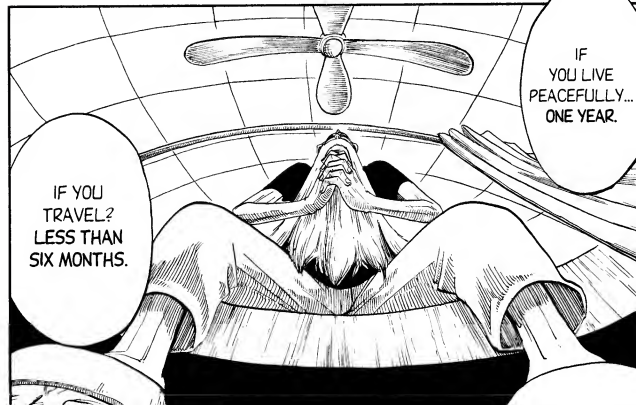
...BUT THAT
DOESN'T
MEAN I CAN
RETIRE JUST
YET.



I KNOW I'M
NOT YOUNG
AND DON'T
HAVE MUCH
TIME...

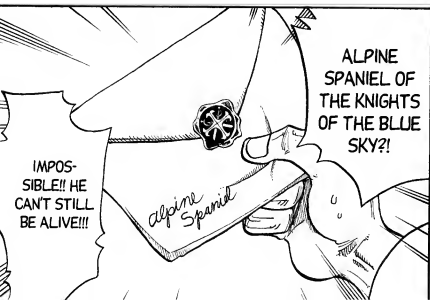
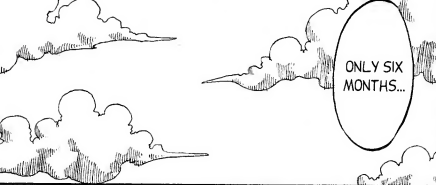


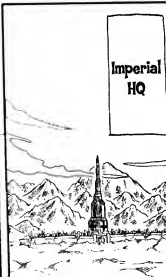
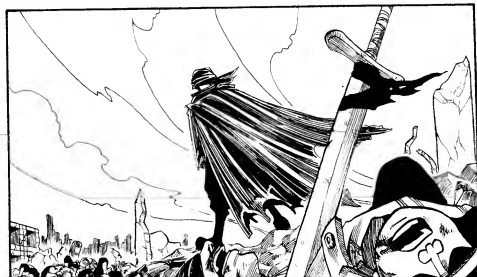
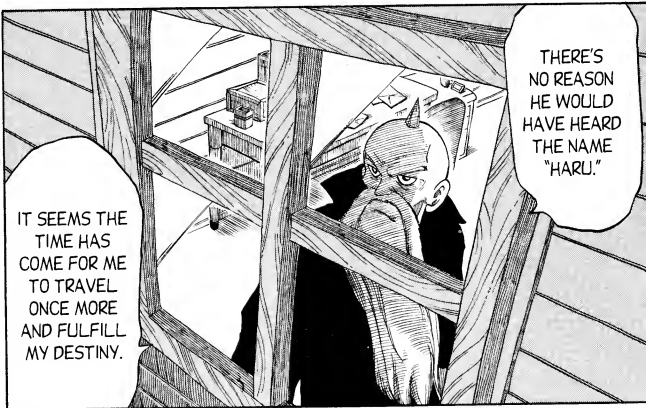
NOT KNOWING
HOW MUCH
TIME I HAVE
IS WHAT I
CAN'T BEAR.

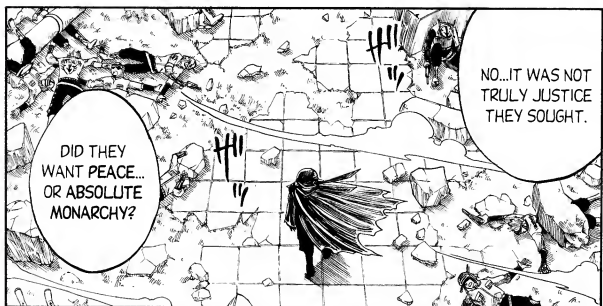


IF YOU
TRAVEL?
LESS THAN
SIX MONTHS.

IF
YOU LIVE
PEACEFULLY...
ONE YEAR.









YOU...WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING AT
THE CAPITAL
OF THE
DEAD?

YOU
DON'T
LOOK
LIKE A
PRIEST.



HE
KNOWS
MY
NAME...



AND WHY,
PRAY
TELL, ARE
YOU HERE?

SIEG
HART...



JUST
WHAT PATH
ARE YOU
TREADING
DOWN?

AND
NOW YOU
PROTECT THE
VERY WOMAN YOU
WERE SUPPOSED
TO KILL.

YOU
INFILTRATED
DEMON CARD TO
DEFEAT KING,
THEN SECEDED
FOR YOUR OWN
PURPOSES.



I
SAW HIS
CORPSE
EARLIER.

I CAME
TO MEET
WITH THE
EMPEROR...
THOUGH IT
SEEMS THAT
IS NO LONGER
POSSIBLE.

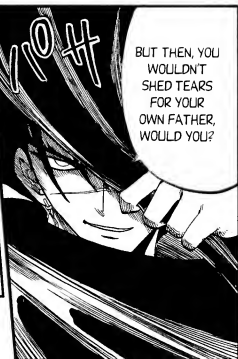


WHO
ARE YOU
REALLY?
WHAT'S
YOUR
OBJECTIVE
HERE?

I DON'T
UNDERSTAND
THIS
GRANDIOSE
"PROTECTING
THE TIME
STREAM"
MISSION OF
YOURS IN THE
FIRST PLACE.



YOU!!



BUT THEN, YOU
WOULDN'T
SHED TEARS
FOR YOUR
OWN FATHER,
WOULD YOU?



IT'S
BEEN A
WHILE,
GUARDIAN OF
TIME.

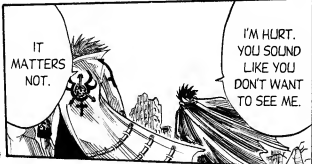
S
H
U
D
A
!!



YOU
ARE...
ALIVE?

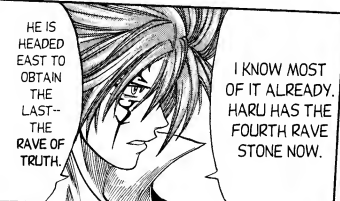


WHAT DO
YOU WANT
FROM ME?



IT
MATTERS
NOT.

I'M HURT.
YOU SOUND
LIKE YOU
DON'T WANT
TO SEE ME.

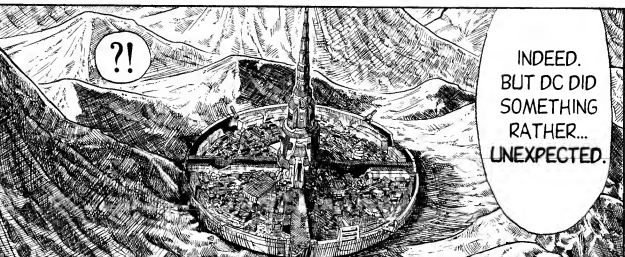


HE IS
HEADED
EAST TO
OBTAIN
THE
LAST--
THE
RAVE OF
TRUTH.

I KNOW MOST
OF IT ALREADY.
HARU HAS THE
FOURTH RAVE
STONE NOW.



I CAME TO
TELL YOU
NEWS OF
HARU GLORY
AND DEMON
CARD.



INDEED.
BUT DC DID
SOMETHING
RATHER...
UNEXPECTED.



GATHERING
ALL THE
FORCES OF
DARKNESS
TOGETHER?

EVEN THE DEMON
LORDS AND THE
SUPER-SORCERER
SHAKUMA?!



HARU HAS
DORYU'S,
WHICH IS
THE FIFTH
AND FINAL
PIECE.

...PLUS ASHURA,
THE DEMON LORD,
MAKES FOUR.

IT'S WORSE THAN
THAT. DC NOW
HAS FOUR OF THE
FIVE SINCLAIRES.
LUCIA'S,
HARDNER'S AND
OGRE'S MAKE
THREE...



WITH THE TEAM THEY
HAVE ASSEMBLED, IF
DC SHOULD CLASH
WITH HARU NOW,
THEY'LL COMPLETE
SINCLAIRE BEFORE
THE RAVE MASTER
CAN GET HIS FIFTH
PIECE.

SO BOTH HARU
AND DEMON CARD
ARE BOTH LACKING
ONLY ONE RAVE
AND SINCLAIRE
RESPECTIVELY.



PERHAPS
WE ARE
TOO LATE.



THE
ENEMY'S
STRENGTH
IS OVER-
WHELMING.

THAT
DOES
NOT BODE
WELL.



SOON,
THEY
WILL
CONVERGE
ON HARU
AND
ATTACK.

DC IS
ALREADY
PREPARED
FOR
COMBAT.



I SEE IT!! THE
EASTERN
BOUNDARY!!



WHAT
THE
HELL
...?!

LOOK,
POYO!

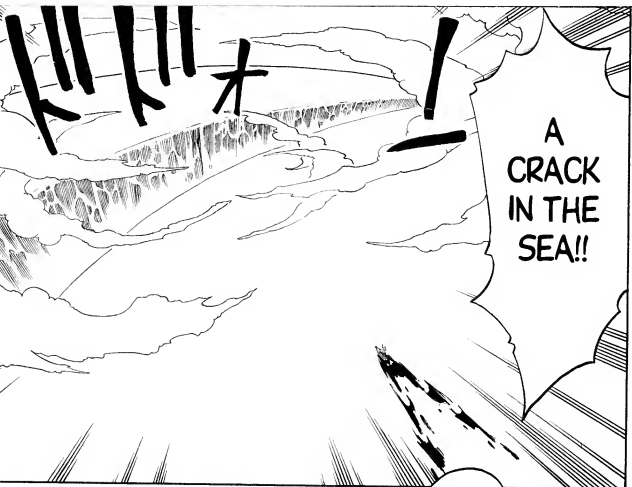
SO THERE IS NO
WAY TO GET TO
IIMA CONTINENT
EXCEPT
THROUGH THE
CURSED SEA?

WOW! THE
CLOUDS
ARE
GATHERING!

BOUNDARY?

PUNN!!





A
CRACK
IN THE
SEA!!



THIS
AIN'T
GOOD!!



IT'S ALL
RIGHT. KEEP
MOVING
FORWARD.

B-BUT
WE'LL
FALL!



WHAT'LL
WE DO
NOW? TURN
BACK?

WE
CAN'T! THE
RUDDER
WON'T WORK!
WE'RE BEING
SUCKED IN!



UM...DIDN'T
YOU SAY YOU
KNEW ALL
THE SAFE
PASSAGES?



THAT'S THE
BOUNDARY...
THE SEA
GRAVEYARD.



SEE, MASTER
HARU?! HE'S
WORTHLESS!



HMM...
I DID SAY
THAT,
DIDN'T I?





SHOULDN'T
YOU BE
ASKING ME?



SO, BONY,
HOW MUCH
DO YOU KNOW
ABOUT IIMA
CONTINENT?



IT'LL BE
ONE OR TWO
WEEKS
BEFORE WE
ARRIVE.

THE RAVE POINT
IS A FAIRLY LONG
WALKING DISTANCE
FROM WHERE WE'LL
LAND.



AFTER
ALL, I DID
SUCCESS-
FULLY
CHART OUR
COURSE
THROUGH
SYMPHONIA,
DIDN'T I?!



AFTER ALL,
WE'VE GOT
ONE OF THE
SINCLAIRES
THEY'RE
LOOKIN'
FOR!



WE'LL HAVE
THEM ALL
BEFORE DC
GETS THEIR
EVIL STONES.



FINALLY--THE
LAST RAVE!



IT LOOKS LIKE A FLOCK OF BIRDS.



SOMETHING'S COMING FROM THE REAR. MAKE THAT SOME *THINGS* LOOKS LIKE A SWARM OF SOME KIND.

CICA-DAS?

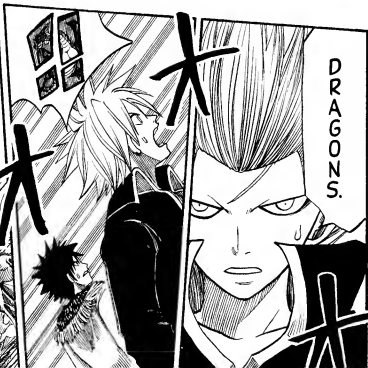
ARE THERE CICAS THAT ROAR, POYO?



HUH? WHAT'S THAT SOUND?



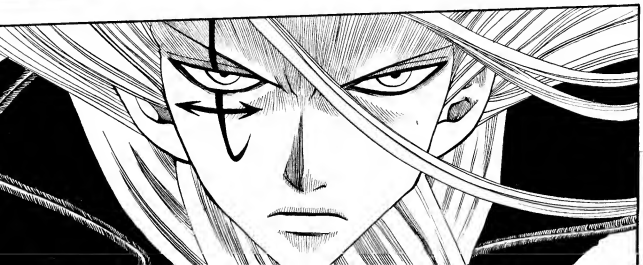
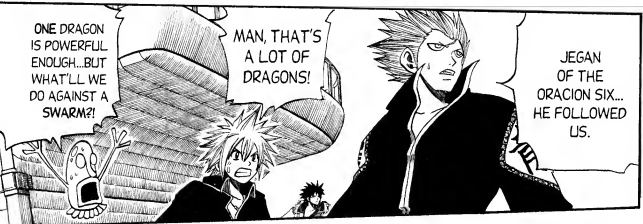
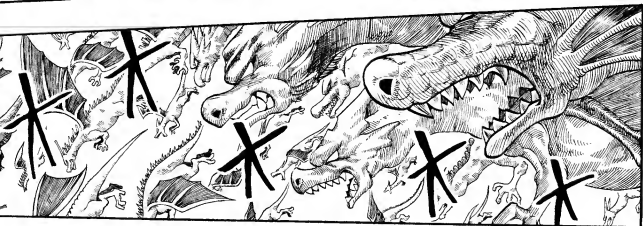
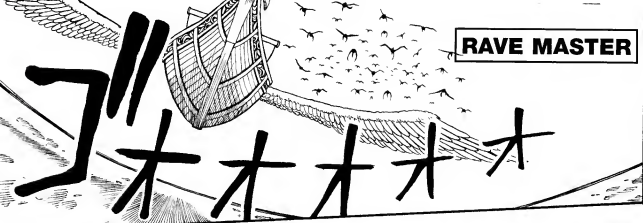
HE IS HERE.



DRAGONS.



JEGAN OF
THE
ORACION
SIX.





RAVE MASTER



JULIA
...



ARE THEY
AFTER OUR
SINCLAIRE?



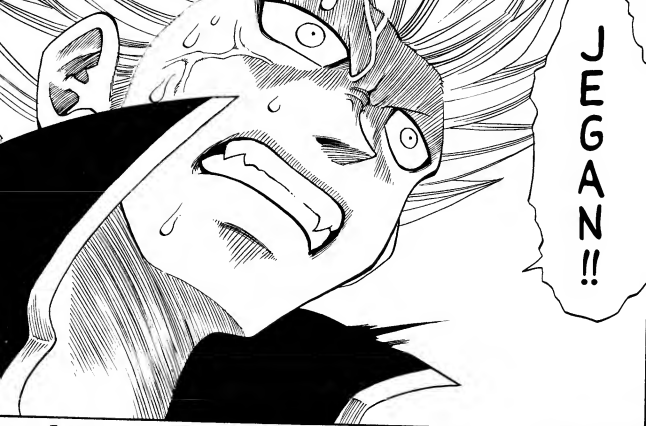
WHAT
ARE WE
SUPPOSED TO
DO AGAINST
THAT...?

I KNOW...
RUN
AWAY!!



LET...

THIS
IS THE
END.





BUT WHY...AT
A TIME
LIKE
THIS?!



THE
DRAGONS
ARE
COMING,
POYO!!

PUN!!!



GRAB

YOU WANT TO
FIGHT?! THESE
AIN'T YOUR
GARDEN VARIETY
LIZARDS.

ARE YOU
CRAZY?!



WE'LL
HOLD
OUR
GROUND!

GET ELIE
INSIDE,
QUICK!



FEAR
NOT.

EACH OF
THESE
DRAGONS IS
AT LEAST
AS POWER-
FUL AS
THAT ONE!!

LONG AGO, A GREAT
KINGDOM ASSEMBLED
THOUSANDS OF
TROOPS TO FIGHT A
SINGLE DRAGON...AND
THEY LOST!!



EACH OF US
IS MIGHTIER
THAN A
DRAGON.



I DIDN'T
MEAN
YOU.

BUT...
I DON'T
HAVE
SUCH
POWER!!



WHEN YOU
PUT IT
THAT WAY,
WHAT
CHOICE DO
WE HAVE?

JEEZ
...







WHAT'S
WRONG,
POYO?!

P U N N !!

ELIE!! ARE
YOU OKAY,
POYO?!



SUCH A
HIGH FEVER,
POYO!!
QUICK!
GET HER
CLOTHES
OFF, POYO!!



I COULD
HAVE SWORN
WE HAD
ONE MORE
CUSTOM
ELIXIR IN
HERE, POYO.

HUH?
THIS IS
STRANGE,
POYO!



PLUE!!
DON'T DO
THAT,
POYO!!

S H N O K

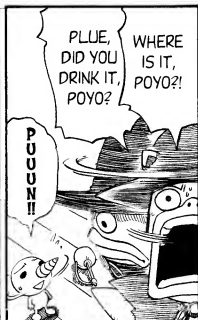
P U N N !!



R-RAVE
OF
DESTINY
...



!
M M M...



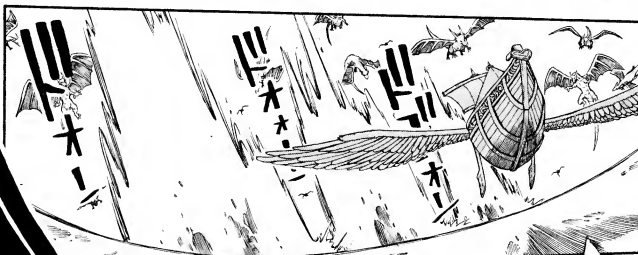
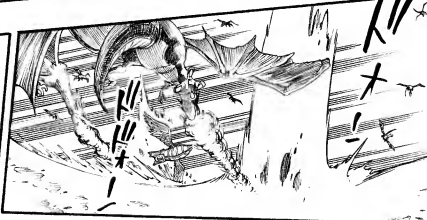
PLUE,
DID YOU
DRINK IT,
POYO?

WHERE
IS IT,
POYO?!

P U N N !!



TAKE THIS!!



MEL
FORCE!!!



FIRE
DRAGON
FLARE!!!

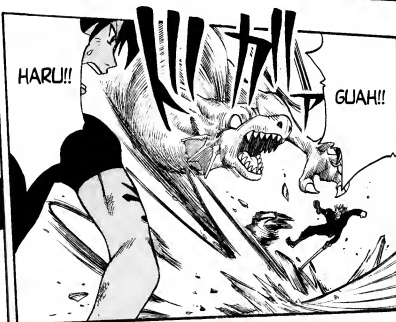


ABOVE
US!!



I'M
OKAY!!

THIS
ISN'T
CUTTING
IT!



HARU!!

GUAH!!



SNEER



DAMN
YOU,
JEGAN!



OUR
SHIP'S
NOT
GONNA
HOLD
UP!

WHAT
SHOULD
WE DO?!



HARU!! USE
THE RAVE
OF DESTINY,
POYO!!



W H O A !!



RAVE
OF DES-
TINY?

HOW
DO I...?



RAVE
OF DESTINY
...

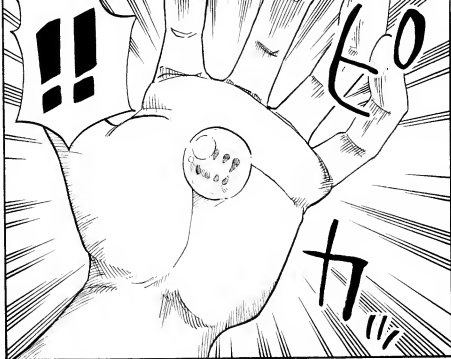


SHE SAID
SOME-
THING
ABOUT
"THE
RAVE OF
DESTINY"
!!



IS ELIE
OKAY?

ELIE'S
FINE,
POYO!! BUT
SHE WAS
TALKING IN
HER SLEEP,
POYO!



IT'S BEEN
A WHILE.

HO
HO
HO!





RAVE'S POWER
WEAKENED
AND THE FIVE
SEPARATED
AFTER MISS
RESHA'S
DEATH.

THIS IS
THE TRUE
NATURE OF
RAVE.

THE ITEM YOU NOW
HOLD WAS ONCE ONE
OF THE HOLY BRINGS
CREATED BY MISS
RESHA.

MY BRILLIANT
IDEA WAS TO HAVE
THE USER SPEAK
WITH ME SO HE
COULD HEAR MY
PROPHECIES.

MISS RESHA'S
FIVE HOLY
BRINGS
POSSESSED
VARIOUS
ABILITIES.

THE HOLY
BRING OF
DESTINY--NOW
KNOWN AS
THE RAVE OF
DESTINY...

...HAS THE
POWER OF
PROPHECY.

WAIT...

WE'VE GOT PROBLEMS
TO DEAL WITH NOW,
IN THE PRESENT!! THE
PROPHECY'S NOT GONNA
HELP!! SO WE'LL HAVE
TO TALK AFTER!!

THIS
ISN'T THE
TIME FOR
THAT!!

MY EYES WERE
JUST AS BAD
BACK THEN, BUT
MY HIPS WERE
BETTER...

Guta guta guta guta...



AN OLD
MAN'S
WIS-
DOM IS
NEEDED
FROM
TIME TO
TIME.

I CAN
DO MORE
THAN
PRO-
PHETIZE..



I SEE
...

THEY WERE
BORN HUMAN,
AFTER ALL.
SOMEONE
MUST BE
USING POWER
TO CONTROL
THEM.

TO CALM
THE FLOCK,
YOU SHOULD
DEFEAT ITS
MASTER.



MUSICA...CAN
YOUR SILVER
REACH TO THE
BLACK DRAGON?

HM...



THE MASTER,
HUH? AND
WHICH ONE IS
HE?



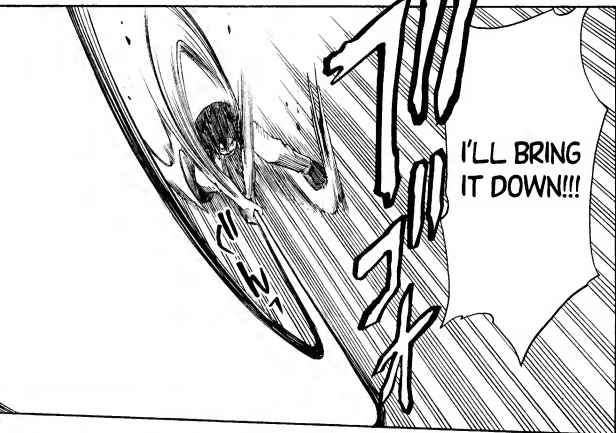
THAT HELPS
A BUNCH!!
THANKS,
GRAMPS!!

HO HO HO..!
I MET THIS ONE
DRAGON THAT
USED TO BE
A MILKMAID!
IT ALL BEGAN
BACK WHEN
I WAS A
SAPLING..

RUBY,
HANG ON
TO THIS
FOR ME!



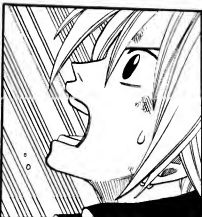
LEAVE IT
TO ME!!!



I'LL BRING
IT DOWN!!!



WHAT
THE...?!





A close-up of a character's face, showing a determined and intense expression. The character has spiky hair and is wearing a dark, high-collared garment. The background is filled with radiating lines, emphasizing the character's focus.

I SHALL
HANDLE
THIS.

HOLD THEM
OFF UNTIL
THEN.

LET
!!!



An action scene showing a character with spiky hair swinging a sword. The character is wearing a dark jacket with a white collar. The sword is in motion, creating a large, stylized 'キ' (Ki) sound effect. In the background, there are other characters and a ship, suggesting a battle or a significant event.



DO
IT--BUT
COME
BACK!!

DO IT,
LET!!



THIS
AIN'T
OUR
SCENE.

DRAGON
RACE
BUSINESS,
HUH?



LET
...



LET!!

JEGAN...THIS
TIME I WILL
DESTROY YOU!!



HOW DARE
YOU GET
ON JULIA'S
BACK?!

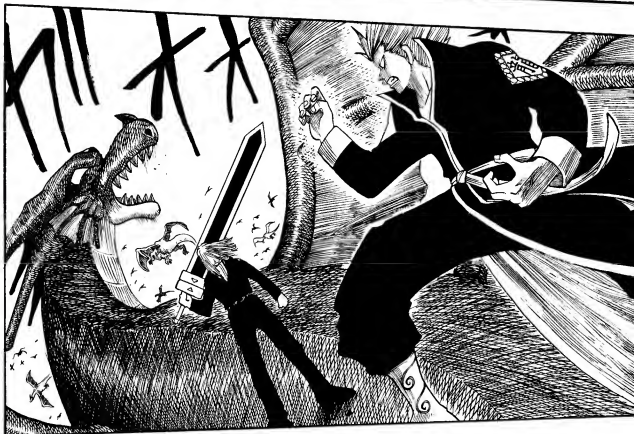


THEN PERHAPS
THIS CUSTOM
ELIXIR WILL
RETURN HER TO
NORMAL!



THIS TIME, I
WILL FREE
JULIA!

YOU HAVE
NO RIGHT TO
SPEAK HER
NAME TO ME!



I WON'T HAND
HER OVER...
ESPECIALLY NOT
TO YOU!!

I WON'T LET
YOU. JULIA'S
MINE.

TO BE CONTINUED

Q&A CORNER!!

A.K.A. Question Corner

Q. What are the origins of all the Ten Powers' names?
(Foot Monkey - Miyagi Prefecture)

A. Hmm, not that the origins are such a huge thing...well, I'd written some down. So let's give this a shot!

1. First, Ten Powers. This is a variation of "Ten Commandments," which are the commandments given by God in the Old Testament. No relation beyond the name.

2. Explosion is exactly what it sounds like. Sword go boom.

3. Silfarion is a play on a word usually associated with wind and speed (Sylph).

4. Rune Save. Well, runes come up a lot in fantasy novels in relation to magic and mythology. "Save" was meant to stand for "restraint" and "magic defense," so you get the point.

5. Blue Crimson stands for ice and fire. Pretty simple.

6. Mel Force. Hee hee! I just made that one up. No real meaning to it. It's like a mix of Mel Gibson and The Force (from *Star Wars*). (^_^)

7. Gravity Core. That means "the center of gravity," basically.

8. Million Suns means what it sounds like, too.

9. Eisenmeteor basically means "Iron Meteorite."

10. Lucia's Demon Sword "Decalogue" is named after another word meaning the Ten Commandments. Basically, it means it has ten powers.

AFTER WORDS

HUMAN GENOME!! MASHIMA HERE. I WAS IN TOKYO THIS JULY AND I'LL BE IN OSAKA IN AUGUST FOR BOOK SIGNINGS. HAVING SAID THAT, I DON'T KNOW WHEN I'LL DO MORE WITH ALL THE WORK I'VE GOT ON MY PLATE!

BY THE WAY, AT KODANSHA'S **SUPER CHARACTER FESTIVAL** EVENT, SOMEHOW PLUE GOT IN AS A SUPER CHARACTER, TOO! HE HUNG OUT AT THE MASHIMA SIGNING EVENT. DOING EVENTS LIKE THAT IS LIKE RUNNING ERRANDS. IT KEEPS ME SO BUSY!

THERE WAS AN INTERESTING GIRL AT THE HALL WHO HANDED ME A PAMPHLET SAYING, "THERE'LL BE A SIGNING EVENT WITH HIRO MASHIMA-SENSEI." AND I'M LIKE, "BWA HA HA HA HA!! I'M MASHIMA!!"

HA HA....! SERIOUSLY, THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO CAME. I WAS THINKING "WHAT'LL I DO IF **NO ONE** COMES?" AT BOTH SIGNING EVENTS. I WAS REALLY HAPPY TO SEE EVERY LAST TICKET GET SNAPPED UP LIKE THEY DID. I'M REALLY SORRY FOR EVERYONE WHO COULDN'T GET ONE. I'D LOVE TO SIGN STUFF FOR EVERYONE, BUT HUMAN BEINGS DO HAVE LIMITS...

WHEN I TALKED TO THE EVENT MANAGER AFTER THE SIGNING, HE THOUGHT THERE WERE A LOT OF NEW *RAVE MASTER* FANS. IT WASN'T ANY TROUBLE AND THERE WERE WARM FEELINGS ALL AROUND. MEETING SO MANY FANS FACE-TO-FACE HAS GIVEN ME MORE COURAGE. OKAY, THEN! I'LL DO MY BEST AT OSAKA!! WAIT... ACTUALLY, BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS, THE OSAKA EVENT WILL BE OVER. BET YOU WISH BOOKS WERE PUBLISHED IN REAL-TIME NOW, HUH? (^_^)

HIRO MASHIMA